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Approach of Christmas Brings Lull in British Election Campaign

SOME HOT SHOTS FROM BOTH SIDES

Several Members of House of Lords Declare in Favor of Reform

LONDON, Dec. 23.—It is officially announced that the writs for the general election will be issued on January 10.

A general truce has been declared, as people are too busy preparing for Christmas celebrations, and interest in the fight for the moment has given way to the holiday spirit. The truce will last until Tuesday, when the fight will be renewed with eagerness and vigor.

In the meantime the tariff reform campaign is rapidly taking a subordinate place to the conflict over many proposals for the reform of the lords.

Leading lords themselves are urging reform as an Unionist alternative to abolition of the veto. Lord Curzon is among the latest prominent members of the upper house to advance a proposal. He announces himself as in favor of a reduction of membership of the lords to 400. He would discriminate in this real "upper four hundred" by denying hereditary peers the right to sit in the house unless they had first rendered service to the country.

He adds that he would object to the introduction of the elective principle in connection with the lords. Many other peers yesterday morning subscribed to proposals for reform, mostly along the elective lines.

The Liberal view is best represented by a novel Christmas card now in wide circulation. It bears a ducal coronet, and reads: "To the lords: Wishing you a merry old time at the hands of the electors at Christmas; and a happy release from your absolute veto in the New Year."

Tory anticipation of John Redmond in command of a German fleet at Belfast, and the Lough-Curzonian dictum that the commons are "not fit to be left alone," are the subjects of much humor in the Radical press and on the platform. Radicals profess exceeding gladness that it is so clearly indicated that every vote for an Unionist is one against the popular house.

The Freeman's Journal London correspondent is responsible for the statement that the Conservatives expect to get only twenty seats in London, whereas last year it was commonly agreed that the Radicals would get only ten.

Ministers on Stump.

With Lloyd-George, John Burns, Sir Edward Grey and other cabinet ministers speaking, the ministerialists again had a big pull last night, at any rate in newspaper space. John Burns was in excellent form. In addressing his constituents he described Mr. Blatchford, the Socialist, as a war-mongering Socialists, a mischievous wanton firebrand, whom Tory papers were using to bring about a colossal calamity. Talk about inefficiency of the navy was rot. Great Britain, however, would take two lessons from Germany. She would avoid conscription and protection (cheers). Between 30,000 and 60,000 Berlin workmen were employed in 1908. Why were there 4,000 bureaus for registering unemployed in Germany if there were "two jobs for every man" in the country? (Laughter.) Mr. Burns then detailed the government's proposals for dealing with the unemployed.

Lloyd-George was given a reception last night which can only be described as rapturous in the centre of the tinplate industry, Llanelli, Wales, which apparently will return another solid phalanx of Radicals in January. Redmond, said the chancellor of the exchequer, was not the policy for the principality; it was a sort of new version of the sermon on the mount. The flourishing state of the tinplate trade showed it was not wanted.

Sir Edward Grey declared a reformed second chamber was necessary.

The Conservatives are putting up a good fight, but Mr. Balfour's health is being anxiously watched.

Some Campaign Remarks.

Bon Law at Jarrow combated the

statement that tariff reform would ruin the shipbuilding industry. That industry had made marvelous strides in German under the German fiscal system. Tariff reformers did not want to stop imports, but to change the character and have more raw materials and less manufactured articles brought into the country.

Former Irish Secretary Wyndham at Dover, declared that Lloyd-George meant to tax landlords until they were compelled to drive an unfair bargain with either prospective tenants or town councils. The old age pension would not have come out of the present government's budget, but out of the simple expedient of not paying for the navy and trusting to

Neville Chamberlain at Birmingham said what was wanted was more business and more employment, and neither the fears of the chancellor of the exchequer nor the grievances of Mr. Churchill against his relatives in the house of lords would divert them from that issue.

The Daily Graphic, Conservative, says: "With the best cause in the world the Unionists are lacking in men who appeal to the imagination of the electorate. There is also an uneasy feeling abroad that the methods of the Unionist associations are not effective as they should be." The Graphic hopes the Unionist whips will find a remedy for the disquieting situation during the Christmas lull.

Lord Linlithgow said that land in Great Britain was owned by far too few people. "But," he asked, "what is in the budget calculated to help or make easier the transfer of land? Absolutely nothing. The Government simply says, 'Give us a share of the plunder, munis the word.' (Laughter.)

The Duke of Norfolk said that if England wishes to have a reformed chamber the house of lords will yield and bring itself into line with a very natural feeling.

Lord Sayville said that while a number of peers were gallantly fighting for queen and country and England was mourning the loss of so many of her brave sons in South Africa, Lloyd-George was sitting comfortably in the House of Commons cheering at top of his voice at the news of each fresh disaster to the British forces. This was the man, this miserable Little Englander, this enemy of King and country, who now sought to destroy the Lords, and who considered no decree too mean or low to attain this end.

F. E. Smith, Unionist, said that during their four years of office, the Liberals had done absolutely nothing to solve the problem of the unemployed, yet they were now asking for a fresh lease of power to deal with such abortive questions as ending the House of

T. J. MacNamara, parliamentary secretary of the local government board, said that by April, 1912, we should have 20 Dreadnoughts, while the next naval power would have 13. These, together with our pre-Dreadnoughts, ought to leave no doubt in the mind of anybody that the present government had made national safety amply secure.

Joseph Chamberlain, in a letter, says: "We have great odds against us, as all the cranks in the country have put their heads together, and are going to oppose us at next election. But our people are very sensible people, and I trust them. They will not be afraid of these odds, I am sure, and in the course of time common sense will win."

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MAY HAVE JOINED REVOLUTIONISTS

President Madriz Held Responsible for the Safety of Americans

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Secretary Knox has sent formal notice to President Madriz of Nicaragua that the United States government will hold him strictly accountable for the safety of American citizens in the western sections of that country.

The United States consul at Managua was directed to report what basis there was for apprehension for trouble on the part of American residents in that part of the country, and especially at Granada.

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HEAVY DOCKET FOR MAGISTRATE

Many Cases Heard in Police Court Yesterday—Lucky Mr. Donegan

When Police Magistrate Jay mounted his bench yesterday morning and rubbed his hands preparatory to running over the docket he was quite unprepared for the little surprise that awaited him.

Ordinarily one or two cases comprise the bill of fare for Victoria is a law-abiding community even if it doesn't favor the Kirks. Yesterday, however,

the docket was covered with closely written names and charges. When he had looked closely twice, to assure himself that the passenger list of an Empress liner or the register of one of the leading hotels hadn't been placed before him by mistake, Magistrate Jay was aware of the fact that the longest docket in months had come up in the heart of the Christmas season when peace and good will are supposed to be at their height.

No one could explain it. Perhaps it was the Christmas-spirit evincing itself by boomerang, but whatever it was the fact remains that the coffers of the city were enriched by \$70 collected in small fines and that, too, with several cases standing over.

No Cow This Time.

Surprise number two met the magistrate when the first case came up. Three men were charged with having allowed their horses to wander loose damaging boulevards on Fullerton and McPherson streets and on Langford avenue, and there, smiling up at him from among the accused, Magistrate Jay descipted the roseate features of no less a celebrity than James Donegan, dairymen and hero of the famous Romance of Donegan's Cows. It was a horse this time, however. One of Master Donegan's chargers was charged with ripping up the boulevards and he had been impounded. But again a benign Providence watched over James Donegan and even as he got the better of the city in the case of his cows so did he escape yesterday for, while A. J. Potts and Fred Lott, the other accused, pleaded guilty to the charges and paid \$5 each, Mr. Donegan sat tight and waited. The prosecutor was unable to prove Donegan's ownership of the horse that was impounded and the charge was dismissed. To all of which we are constrained to add "Erin go Bragh!"

Thelma White, a lady with a past—also with a present and a future, could not show just cause why she should not be looked upon as a common vagrant and, given the alternative of going to jail for one month or contributing \$25 to the city, she chose the latter. When James Welsh, a small-sized man, pointed to his injured person and explained that James Murray and John Keating, two large-sized and husky gentlemen, had walloped him to a frazzle without cause outside a saloon where they had all been drinking, Messrs. Murray and Keating didn't bother denying it. They paid \$10 and \$11 respectively.

In Approved Style.
Paul Saring, a tall, rugged-looking lumber-jack with that mystified look in his eyes that so often characterizes the optics of lumber-jacks soon after they hit town, explained that sometime recently he had come in to town from a lumber camp somewhere and that trouble had been waiting for him in large-sized portions. He didn't recall very much of what history he had helped to construct during his visit in town but he did recall meeting at the Occidental hotel, a lady named Nellie Anderson. Not long afterwards Saring declared he discovered that \$25 which he had possessed, was not present. He accused Miss Anderson of the theft. However there was no proof to show that Miss Anderson had acquired the \$25 and the case was dismissed.

William Baynton, gentleman whom the police accuse of having undesirable friends and of being an ordinary vag, asked to have his case remanded until the 27th. He declared that he would seem proof of the fact that he is a perfectly respectable citizen.

William Kane, who recently volunteered some information in police court to assist the police to unravel a mystery of the theft of a watch, was the principal in a case yesterday himself. The police say that William is a friend to all drunks, that he hangs about and makes friends with them and that he is a vag. William was allowed a remand until the 24th.

William Thompson, also charged with vagrancy, was also remanded to the 24th.

The two boys against whom there are five charges of housebreaking and theft, came up again yesterday morning. J. A. Alkman who, on Wednesday, was acting for one of the boys, stated yesterday that he had withdrawn as counsel and counsel will have to be found for the pair. They will be tried together and the case will probably be opened today.

A SORRY CHRISTMAS

Surveyors to Spend the Feast on Short Rations.

Reports received yesterday from members of surveying parties working on the new power line for the B. C. Electric Company state that owing to the condition of the rivers and streams it is unlikely that they will be able to get home for Christmas as they had expected. The Stockton river is flooded and the bridge on the Muir river has been washed away. There have been also several landslides on the roads and the camps are short of supplies. The Indians who do the ferrying refuse to attempt to cross the rivers. All in all the outlook for a merry Christmas for the surveyors is not bright.

Fernie Waterworks

Formal notice has been filed with the Provincial Secretary by the City Clerk of Fernie of the application of that city corporation for approval of its plans for and completed system of waterworks.

The Case of Alec. Smith

After desultory search in the Okanagan district extending over the past five months, the police have come to the conclusion that Alec. Smith, for whom a warrant was issued in connection with the Vernon Hotel fire, is

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not in the Okanagan hills. The police are as a matter of fact not especially anxious to apprehend the fugitive, for the evidence in hand is counted insufficient to justify proceedings for arson. It is true Smith on his departure left a curious letter which has been variously interpreted as a partial confession. Other readings make it quite as effective a declaration of innocence as is the belief of the authorities that Smith—who was just recovering at the

time from a prolonged debauch—was scarcely aware of what he wrote, but in simple truth intended his letter as a strong denial of responsibility for the tragedy in which thirteen people lost their lives. Latest information tends to fix the authorship of the fire upon the unknown toper who was left to sleep off his potations in the washroom, near which his charred body was found, this being the initial point of the fatal fire.

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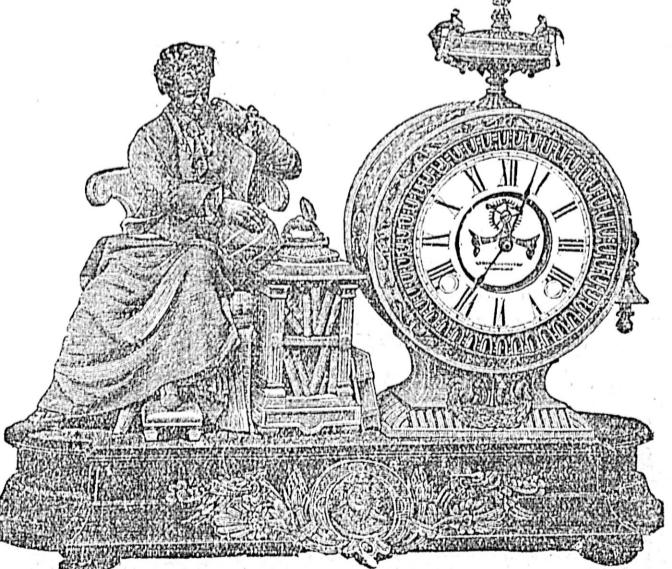
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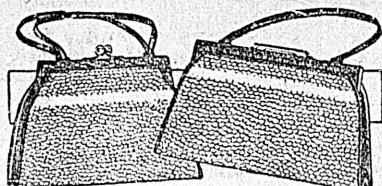
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Our stock is large, therefore we have marked everything in this line surprisingly low for the holiday trade. A unique assortment

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Xmas Gifts FOR THE LITTLE ONES

Our stock is full of dainty, useful and pretty articles that make a handsome present for the baby.
Infants' Wool Coats, up from 65c
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We have on view the best selection of popularly priced Dolls in the city. Call and see our stock and prices. You will be pleased.

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Present Good Perfume

A Christmas Gift that is always acceptable to lady man or child. All the world's best Perfumes are to be found here, daintily boxed and priced right for purchasers.

"Lorna" is a very pleasing odor—Come in and try it.



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Chemist, 1228 Government St.

MORE TALK BUT NO DECISION

Isolation Hospital Tangle Still
Before the Board of Health

While it was expected that the civic board of health, composed of the entire council, would reach some definite conclusion relative to the trouble which has arisen between Dr. Robertson, the health officer, and Mrs. King, matron of the isolation hospital, no decision has as yet been come to. Two meetings have already been held at which the matter was discussed behind closed doors, the press representatives being excluded, and last night at the conclusion of the streets, bridges and sewers committee meeting, Mayor Hall, in his capacity of chairman of the board, called another meeting at which the same method to secure secrecy was adopted. But the subject was considered but shortly and no new facts were adduced.

Dr. Robertson has intimated that unless Mrs. King is dismissed he will resign but some of the aldermen believe that some amicable arrangement can be come to. Mrs. King has also friends on the board. At a meeting held last Monday evening when a motion was made to discharge Mrs. King the board split even and the vote was not taken. If Mrs. King is retained then Dr. Robertson resigns and in that case it is feared by some of the aldermen, that the question of professional etiquette will arise and the other doctors will refuse to step in and take charge of patients. Another meeting will be held when the tangle will again be threshed out.

Another subject before the board was the claim of Mrs. Agur, who recently fell into a trench on Hillside avenue sustaining injuries and shock, compensation for which she places at \$250 though her medical bill amounted to \$15. This matter was also left over for future consideration.

Many Complaints

The work before the streets committee was purely routine. A claim put in by Mrs. Donald McLeod for \$50 for inconvenience occasioned by the improvement work recently done on



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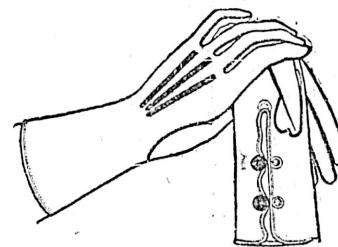


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We are distributing Santa Claus' gifts with ever increasing speed and promptitude. Our tables, showcases and counters are replete with countless Xmas bargains. Visit us today and see for yourself what we have to offer. We will satisfy you.

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Excellent display of Gloves, Dent's and Fowne's, at all times, especially at Xmas times. Gloves are needed and very much appreciated in the form of a gift.

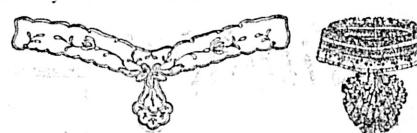


Very special line of French Kid Gloves, showing all the newest light shades, neatly put up in Xmas Gift Boxes, at \$1.50
CHILDREN'S KID GLOVES, at 90c and 75c
LADIES' LINED KID GLOVES, per pair \$1.00

Dent's and Fowne's in pleasing variety, for street and evening wear, all conveniently priced.

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How about something in the way of neckwear? Our reputation in this particular department is phenomenal and so are the values offered. Here are just a few suggestions worthy of attention:



RUCHING BOXES, with 6 pieces of net, chiffon and fancy gold, per box 25c
DUTCH COLLARS, white lawn and linen, \$1.00 to 50c
WASH COLLARS, in lawn and linen, trimmed with lace bows and jabots, colored and white, \$1.50 to 25c
ASCOTS, white and colored, 75c to 50c
STOCKS, fancy chiffon and net, lace trimming, \$2.50 to 75c



THE LADIES' STORE

Evening Dresses and Opera Cloaks



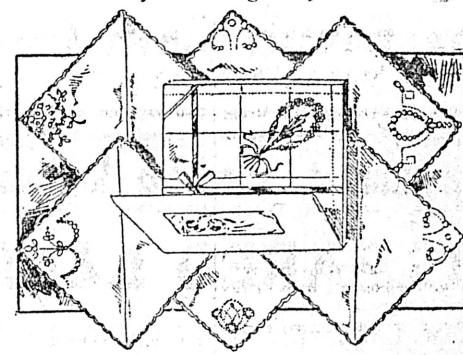
In this department, as in others, we seem to be broadening our reputation for exclusiveness. Restaurant, Opera Cloaks and Evening Dresses are necessary to the lady of refined taste. They are so much appreciated at the ball, dinner, theatre or reception. All the newest shades and trimmings and ornamentations are here shown. New fitting and show rooms makes prompt attention to all, easy.

Open This Evening

Xmas 'Kerchiefs

The wealth of handkerchiefs for ladies and children is shown here. Values have been closely scrutinised and your purchasing may be done with entire confidence in the qualities submitted.

Extremely wide range of prices.



AS A POPULAR GIFT possibly those in real lace lead. We have very special real lace handkerchiefs, at each 75c, \$1.25, up to as high as \$21.00
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Unusual reduction on good quality umbrellas. Here is your opportunity to purchase the best at the lowest price.
Regular \$6.75, \$5.00, \$5.25, Today \$4.75
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Ostrich Feather Boas

A very attractive protection for the neck. Ask to see these. They come in Grays, Blacks, Natural, White and Black, and White.

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Our Premium Depot,
1304 Douglas Street, is
brimful of Beautiful Xmas
Gifts, and is a spot where
selection is made easy.

FREE

A splendid line of Dolls, Silverware, China, Crockery, Glassware, Books, Pictures, which are given away free in exchange for the coupons.

DO YOU NEED AN AEROPLANE?

Victoria Firm Appointed Agents
For Sale of Bleriot
Article

So far as known to followers of aeronautics in this city, Victoria has — will have in the very near future — the first aerials sales depot, dock, and repair shops in British Columbia or the Dominion of Canada. The machine to be presented as the pioneer craft in aerial navigation in Western Canada is the famous monoplane with which M. Bleriot accomplished the conquest of the English Channel, arousing the interest and admiration of the world, convincing the most skeptical that the days of doubt as to the

actual solution of the great problem of mechanical flight are really at an end, and incidentally winning the Daily Mail's grand prize of £5,000 — together with all the incidental and deserved honors.

The Plimley Automobile Company, Limited, is the pioneer agency, and is now prepared to accept orders for Bleriot monoplanes equipped and ready for use, together with preliminary and expert instruction in the art of aerial navigation, machines being at present quoted at \$3,500 f. o. b. at Victoria, and delivery being guaranteed in May next.

The Bleriot monoplane with wings folded is but little larger than a gasoline or electric runabout, and is reputedly simple to operate and easy to control.

Charms of Flying.

Although unfamiliarity at first blush prompts the suggestion that sales will

be few and far between, such a prediction arises rather from hurried than mature consideration. There must unquestionably be many charms in aerial cruising separate and apart from, while excelling those of motoring, driving, cycling, or modern yachting. The elevation and sight-seeing vantage point; the absence of noise and dust and possible danger will all have their alluring aspects.

And as the staid and apparently most improbable subjects became the most devout converts to the motoring game, so in every probability will others join the flying pioneers.

The Plimley Automobiling Co. is now having plans perfected for its new premises, being forced to remove from Government street by the acquisition of its headquarters by the government. It is understood that suitable accommodation for airships is being

provided for in the equipment of the new Yates street premises.

LARGE LAND SALES

Washington Farmers Buy Up Large Tract in C. P. R. Irrigation Block
—Mr. Lane's Purchase.

CALGARY, Dec. 23.—Two of the largest land sales of the year in the Canadian Pacific Irrigation block, southern Alberta, were closed yesterday by the Canadian Pacific Irrigation and Colonization Company. The first was a sale of 14,000 acres to a syndicate of farmers from the state of Washington, who intend first thing in the spring putting an extensive plant, in the way of steam plows, at work breaking up large areas for wheat culture. These gentlemen are very optimistic regarding the future of land

values in the Bow River valley, and speak of a large movement of people from their state to this valley, which they confidently look for next year. The second sale comprises an area of 12,000 acres south of Basano, in the central section of the irrigation block. The sale was made to George Lane, the well-known stockman, who has been grazing some 12,000 cattle in that district and finds it necessary, owing to the rapidly extending settlement, to acquire land to enable him to carry on his ranching and farming operations. Mr. Lane is the gentleman who carried off all prizes at the Seattle exhibition with his Percheron horses.

The Marriage Supper
Sweetly chimes the marriage bell,
English sparrows say: "How nice,
Here's a prospect, we can tell,
Of another feed of rice."

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Friday, December 24, 1909.

INTERESTING FIGURES.

The figures given by Mr. G. H. Barnard, M.P., in his speech on the Budget have a direct bearing upon a question of very great importance to the people of Victoria just at this particular time. We need harbor improvements here on an extensive scale, and Mr. Barnard has shown conclusively that we can make out a very strong case for a large appropriation. While we invite special attention to his own way of stating the case, we think it advisable to summarize the points here. The verbatim report will be found elsewhere in today's issue. In ten years ending 1908 the sum of \$7,396,416 was expended on harbors in the eastern provinces, and only \$256,178 on a like service on the Pacific seaboard. We concede that there are more harbors in the East requiring attention and more people whose wants and wishes must be met; but the disproportion between the two sums is unreasonable. Like Mr. Barnard, we do not raise any objection to the amount expended in the East, assuming it to have been well spent on works really in the public interest. Our objection, like his, is that we have not received enough in the West.

Mr. Barnard points out that, including the sum in the Estimates before the parliament, St. John has received \$1,999,142. We do not suggest that this was not money well spent; we prefer to assume that it was, because it shows that Victoria can with good precedent urge upon the Finance Minister that a more liberal line shall be followed in respect to our harbor. We are to receive this year \$65,000. This is enough, we understand, to keep the present plant in operation for a year. But our point is that this policy isiggardly. We do not want to have to wait for a quarter of a century for harbor improvements that will be needed next year.

The data in respect to the trade of British Columbian ports, presented by Mr. Barnard, must have been a surprise to those who gave them consideration. Sometimes when we speak of the large tonnage of shipping resorting to our ports we are told that they are in part ships in transit to other points and in part the regular ferry services to United States ports. This is true to a certain extent; but a vessel that comes into the port of Victoria, if she goes out again in the course of the next hour, requires just as good accommodation in the way of depth of water and room to move round as if she waited here to discharge cargo of merchandise.

We are exceedingly pleased that Mr. Barnard has brought this matter to the front in the way he has. He could not have done it on a more timely occasion. His data will be of great use to those who are about to urge that a large sum for the immediate improvement of the harbor on a larger scale than has been followed heretofore.

THE BRITISH CONTEST.

There is a tradition that the British people are phlegmatic and that nothing can disturb the majestic claim of their demeanor. To many people on the western side of the Atlantic an Englishman is a fellow with an eyeglass and a drawl who on the Day of Judgment will look around him and say in an indifferent tone: "Bah Jove, this is somewhat unusual. What?" A story is told of an Englishman who was in San Francisco at the time of the earthquake, that is the earthquake par excellence. He was staying at a hotel, and he said to a Victorian that he was awakened by the trembling of the building and got up and looked out of the window. He saw a lot of people running out into the streets, but he said it did not seem to be any of his business, and he went to bed again. Presently he was awakened by some one knocking at his door and shouting that the end of the world had come. "I got up, took my bath" he said, "and took my suit case and went to the street, where I found things a good deal mixed up." This story illustrates what many people on this Continent think of the Englishman. The performances of ese good folk after making rather upset some of our preconceived ideas; but it takes a good deal to eradicate deep-rooted views, and so the Western World relapsed into its previous notion of the unemotional Briton.

We will all have to admit that, as the boy in the street says, "we have another think coming" for the way in which the election campaign is being conducted can hardly be described as unemotional. If that pugnacious Welshman, Mr. Lloyd-George alone had indulged in pyrotechnics, or even if only Mr. Winston Churchill had shat-

tered the air with invective, we might not be very much surprised; but peers and commoners alike, every shade of politics between and including My Lord Duke and Comrade Blant of the ultra-Socialists is represented in the great talkfest now in progress and it is hard to say which has the better of the other, when it comes down to calling hard names or imputing unworthy motives. Compared with the present election the wildest contest we have ever had in this supposed wild and woolly West looks like a Quaker's meeting. All of which seems to show that underneath the veneer of indifference the average Englishman hides a lot of passion; and that he loves to fight as dearly as his fellow subjects across the Irish Channel are alleged.

FIVE YEARS HENCE

In less than five years from today the Canadian Northern will be completed. In less than five years the Grand Trunk Pacific will be finished. In about five years the Panama Canal will be completed. How many people will there be in Alberta in five years hence? How many people will there be in Interior British Columbia? The importance of these interesting things and of those equally interesting questions lies in the fact that in five years from now the trade of the Pacific Coast of Canada will be revolutionized. Instead of having only one transcontinental line in the Dominion we will have three, and possibly a fourth, for the V. V. & E. with the proposed eastern connections may supply another. Instead of having to bring goods by water around the Horn or by way of Suez, we can get them promptly and cheaply by way of the Canal. Railway freights will then come tumbling. Mr. J. J. Hill realizes this and he is preparing the Great Northern so as to reduce all grades to a minimum and make all curves as easy as possible. The realization that freights must be reduced has led the Grand Trunk Pacific to seek to get as near a level grade as possible and the Canadian Northern to do the same thing. With cheaper freight rates the trade of the Coast will be revolutionized, for we can expect with good cause to supply a large part of the merchandise used on the Prairies. Thanks to the provision of the Canadian Northern contract, which secures service to Victoria as an integral part of the Canadian Northern's transcontinental service, our merchants will be able to enjoy a full share of the good time coming.

DEFENDING CANADA

The reference herein is not to the defence of the Dominion with men or ships, but what can be done in that way with the pen. There are yet some people in the world who are unwilling to admit that Canada is as full of natural resources as she really is, and they write to the papers about us and try to take the conceit out of us. This is all very well, we suppose; and sometimes it is a blessing in disguise, for it causes some one to spring to the defense of the country's fair name with the result that what was intended to do an injury reacts into benefit. The following from the Lyttleton Times, of Christchurch, N. Z., illustrates this:

The Canadians are nothing if not patriotic, and of course they have reason to be proud of their country. If the big dominion is attacked in print there are a dozen Canadians ready to defend it, and the London Journal that ventured to disparage Canada's resources recently only gave the country an excellent advertisement. It was mildly suggested that, after all, Canada's resources did not compare very favorably with those of the United States. "The principal natural resources in which Canada does really short," retorted an indignant Canadian, "are yellow fever, destructive tornadoes and earthquakes." The coal beds of the dominion, this authority tells us, embrace in all an area of 100,000 square miles, an area nearly equal to the whole extent of the British Isles. The richest deposits of coal are along the coast, both east and west, as if put there by a wise Providence to supply the immense fleets of great ships which will soon be necessary to carry Canada's vast output of corn and other natural products to the Old World and to Asia. It is estimated by experts that the Crow's Nest Pass beds in the Rockies are capable of yielding 400,000,000 tons each century for the next 5000 years. The province of Alberta is 750 miles long by 400 miles wide, and the entire province is underlaid with coal. Canada's timber area is three times that of the United States. She has the greatest nickel mines in the world, and our rich wheat-growing area is vastly greater than that of the United States. There is a great deal more to the same purpose in this "letter of protest." Canada has a land area of 3,619,818 square miles and a water area, exclusive of the territorial seas, and the St. Lawrence and the Great Lakes, of 125,750 square miles. Including Alaska and Hawaii, the total land and water area of the United States is 3,567,563 square miles. Canada, of course, has a big belt of territory that is not likely to be settled for a century to come, but in comparing the neighbors, it is worth remembering that the United States had a start of a century in the race of development.

HEALTH IN SCHOOLS

A great deal of attention is being given in many parts of the world to the medical inspection of school children. It has been ascertained that very much of what is thought to be dullness, and inattention on the part of pupils is the result of ill-health. We find a very excellent article on this subject in the St. John Sun, from which we take the following extract:

Our cities are taking up this problem with vigor and intelligence. But much will have to be done before we even reach the ground that has long been passed over by many European cities. As usual Germany leads. She is first and the rest almost nowhere. In several German cities the medical inspection is so thorough that, beginning with a child's entrance into the public schools, a record is kept of its physical condition up to the time of

leaving. Parents are advised as to diet and other matters of home care. Children suffering from cardiac weakness, for example, are not permitted to join in violent games; teachers are urged to protect them from agitation, they are excluded from the usual physical exercise of the school and parents are warned of the danger to which they would be exposed by violent exercise under agitation. Children showing signs of predisposition to tuberculosis are specifically watched and school sanitary rules are maintained in many cases for their benefit.

Defective teeth are responsible for a great deal of pain among children of all classes but especially among the poor. They are the cause of serious digestive troubles which handicap the children during their school life. Strasburg, Germany, has established dental clinics in which the children are treated free of cost to themselves, teeth filled, cleaned, extracted as they may require. Strasburg has carried this work further than any other city. In Norway and Sweden the children are regularly examined and those needing it are provided with medicine and tonics free of charge. In Brussels the children are regularly examined once in ten days as to their eyes, ears, teeth, and general physical condition. Physical defects, experts assure us, are the real trouble in most cases which we inaccurately call stupidity, inattention, indifference to study, sullenness, truancy and "general cussedness." What the child who fails to keep up, who drops out, and takes to the street and to crime—what he often needs by way of punishment is not extra tasks, the birch, or the Industrial Home, but glasses to correct astigmatism, the removal of adenoids, or the service of a dentist.

We are quite in sympathy with the Sun when it says that the cost of carrying out such a system is a secondary consideration. The good that must result to the community at large will far outweigh any expense that might be incurred. The treatment of children is a new art. We are learning that many things can be explained on the ground of physical condition that were formerly attributed to mental weaknesses or moral perversions. We are learning that prevention is not only better than cure, but infinitely easier; and that the proverb that as the twig is bent the tree is inclined applies to the human mind and body quite as well as to such minor matters as taste and habits.

It looks as though we may have something like a navy after all.

Whatever else comes out of the British political crisis, the House of Lords will never be quite the same again.

The St. John Presbytery declined to pass a resolution in opposition to the establishment of a Canadian navy. It would be an extraordinary thing if it had passed such a resolution.

The Daily Graphic, a strong Conservative paper, does not like the outlook. It complains of a lack of speaking ability and political tact among the leaders of the party. If a Canadian paper should say this, all manner of things would be charged against it by some people.

Mr. Balfour is unfortunate in being practically out of the campaign for the present at least. He may not wholly regret it, for things have got into such a shape that he would hardly know which way to turn. Mr. Balfour is not an extremist and this is a campaign of extremes.

Surely a great genius in fiction is wasting his sweetness on the desert air, when he is engaged in writing for the Hamilton Times such things as that the Colonist's statement that Mr. McBride has his work cut out for him in British Columbia is a reflection upon Mr. R. L. Borden.

The Colonist acknowledges the season's greeting from Lt.-Col. Currie and the officers of the gallant Fifth, and hopes that they may have many happy returns of this festal season and be able on each occasion to congratulate themselves and their men upon as good a showing as they have made this year in the practical work of soldering.

There were many expressions of pleasure yesterday when the Douglas street and Outer Wharf cars and the Beacon Hill and Spring Ridge cars resumed their regular runs, which had been so greatly interfered with by the work on the Causeway. There has been a much-needed improvement in the Esquimalt and Gorge service, which was handicapped by the work in progress on Government street.

The Colonist's "shop early" campaign has produced excellent results. Many people have shopped early and often. The result is that the day before Christmas dawns with the major part of the holiday purchases made, and although there will doubtless be a considerable rush in the last hours, the great stress has been taken off purchasers and sellers. The result has been highly satisfactory to all concerned.

It is stated that in some instances the prices for real estate given out to the public have been in excess of what has actually been paid. If this is true, we hope in future it will be avoided, for such misstatements spoil the realty market. We have only heard of one or two instances in which the prices quoted to the public have been in excess of the real amount, and in neither case was the difference very important; but it is better always to give the real figures or else quote no figures at all.

Man is never satisfied. If he forgets the combination of his safe he kicks because the thing is burglar-proof.

His Mistake
"If I were young and beautiful."
The pretty maiden said,
"I'd never think of marrying."
And then she dropped her head.
But Reggie, poor unhappy boy,
Proposed to her at once,
Then went outside and kicked
himself.
For being such a dunce,

MAKE THE MOST OF THIS LAST DAY FOR BUYING

JUST today left for the Christmas buying—start this minute to make your final purchases. The earlier you shop the better for yourself and us, and though we shall be open until late tonight we advise that you come in this morning.

Yesterday was a big day in our China Store and dozens of lonely pieces testify to the big run on many assortments. These have been placed on the special value counters to clear today. Don't miss these counters—10c, 15c, 25c, 35c and 50c—values to double that amount are to be found on them. It'll pay you to come here first.

LADIES SHOULD USE OUR REST ROOM TODAY

Ladies—when you are tired from the rush and worry of shopping, come in and rest in our rest room on the second floor. You are welcome to make free use of this convenience whether a shopper at this store or not. Comfortably furnished with easy chairs, dressing-room, etc. Yours—so use it.

Big Show of Brass Goods

B R A S S G O O D S—A magnificent collection of brass goods this season—and such brass as this makes splendid gifts. Don't miss seeing these today.

POLISHED BRASS VASES, from 25¢

HAMMERED BRASS FINGER BOWLS 75¢

HAMMERED BRASS JARDINIERES 4.50

MAHARADB BAD COBRA CANDLESTICKS—quaint and artistic, at from each 1.25

BENARES BRASS TRAYS, for tea table use. Very handsome. Each at 14.00

Ladies' Companions, \$3.00

These useful articles are rightly popular as gifts. The outfit consists of scissors, thimble, knife, bodkin, stiletto, etc. These are in a lined linen case of attractive appearance. From the famous Joseph Rodgers & Sons' factory. Set \$3.00

Sets of Scissors in leather cases—same make. Three pairs in case at 3.50

Dinner Gongs, at \$6.00

This \$6.00 Gong is of very stylish design. Finely polished oak frame—silver-mounted with silver plated gong. Priced at, each 6.00

C h a f i n g D i s h e s, from \$7.50

What better than a Chafing Dish for a homekeeper or some young lady? Hundreds of dainty dishes easily and quickly prepared—after-theatre suppers, etc. Nickel-plated. At, from 7.50

Meteor Coffee Percolators, \$10.00

These make a most delightful coffee—clear as wine. A grand gift for a drinker of coffee. We have them in nickel-plated, brass and copper. Prices start at 10.00

Art Electric Portable Lamps

We show some very handsome Art Mission Electric Portable Lamps. These lamps are great values at the prices marked. We have them from 6.50

Sideboard Scarfs

75¢

Lace Curtains, pair 75¢

Couch Covers 3.75

Dining Table Covers 2.50

Cushion Tops 50¢

Linen Table Cloths 2.00

Linen Napkins, dozen 1.00

Reed Chairs 3.50

Wicker Work Baskets 1.00

Hassocks, fr. \$1.50

Bedroom Rockers, at 1.00

Morris Chairs, at 9.00

China Cabinets at 20.00

Parlor Tables 3.25

Tea Sets—40 pieces, at 10.00

Carving Sets—3 pieces, at 3.00

C a m p h o r W o o d T r u n k s, moth proof, for woollens and furs, at 7.50

Mexican Drawn Linen 75¢

Plant Stands—Weiler made—strong, suitable for heavy plants 3.50

Cake Curates 2.50

Dinner Gongs 6.00

Electric Lamps 6.50

Mothers Would Like These:

Cotton Comforters, from 1.00

Down Quilts, from 5.50

Hearth Rugs, from 1.25

Carpet Sweepers, from 3.25

Art Table Covers 50¢

Bed Spreads, from 1.25

Tea Cloths, from 1.00

Sideboard Scarfs 75¢

Lace Curtains, pair 75¢

Couch Covers 3.75

FOR MAYOR**PLEADS FOR
RETURN OF BRIDE**

Robt. E. Cravens, Arrested
Here After Marriage, Be-
fore Seattle Court

Robert E. Cravens, the 18-year-old husband, who was taken from Victoria back to Seattle within a few hours of his wedding in Victoria, and who was obliged to swear out a writ of habeas corpus to recover his 15-year-old wife, Florence, from her mother, Mrs. Bertha Simpson, was not allowed to hold a joyful reunion with his bride yesterday at the conclusion of the hearing before Judge Mitchell Gilliam at Seattle as he anticipated. The court listened to the evidence, and took the case under advisement until today. In the meantime the bride was removed from the custody of her mother, by whom she had been sequestered, and placed in the charge of Mrs. S. P. Paissac, a neighbor.

The bride was taken from her husband immediately after the couple returned from Victoria, B. C., where they were married. The bride lives with her mother, Mrs. Bertha Simpson, near Fortieth street and Latona avenue. The young husband lives at 3901 Second avenue northeast, near by. Yesterday he said he had seen his bride only once since their return.

"I saw her from my home, at the window, and waved to her," Cravens told the court. "And she waved back at me."

Advised Year of Waiting.

Mrs. Simpson told the court that she had advised her daughter to wait a year or more before marriage, and that she had married without her consent. When the couple returned from their runaway trip to Victoria, she said she took charge of the girl and kept her in the house. Subsequently she caused the young husband to be charged with abduction, and he was released on \$1,000 bail. The bride told the court that she was willing to begin the serious duties of domestic life, and wanted to rejoin her husband.

Robert Cravens told the court that he is 18 years old, and had been earning \$2.50 a day by operating an electric hoist for his father, who is a contractor. He had been calling upon Miss Florence for eighteen months, and on December 13 she threw her hat out of the window of her home and stole away to Tacoma with him. At Tacoma the bride borrowed a street costume from a friend and they came back to Seattle, and on December 15 went to Victoria and were married, giving her age as 22 and his as 23. At Victoria several pleasing souvenir cards were mailed home, notifying the families of the wedding. Hoping for parental forgiveness the pair returned home, and the girl was instantly nabbed by the mother of the bride, who has retained her safely in the family home since then.

Could Provide for Her.

"I have \$30 in cash and a good job at \$2.50 a day driving a team," the husband told Judge Gilliam. "I am

sure I can provide for my wife and give her a good home."

Oliver Cravens, a brother, told the court that Robert was a steady boy, and had no bad habits.

"I will give him steady work," he said, "at \$2.50 a day any time, and I know his father and mother will always extend the privilege of a good home to the couple."

Judge Gilliam asked the young husband what he had with which to begin housekeeping.

"I have rented a room at my brother's place," said Robert, "and I have \$30 in cash. I think it'll do to start on."

The father of the bride testified that he had not consented to the marriage, and that he objected because he understood the young man was rather wild.

Cleared Up.

Bewilderment was written in the face of the richly gowned lady that hurried into the elderly physician's office.

"Doctor Swallow," said she, "this morning I received your bill for ten dollars, and I can't understand it. Some time ago I settled our account and had no occasion to consult you professionally since."

"Did I not call at your house one day since that?"

"Only as my guest at dinner, doctor! That was four weeks ago."

An apprehensive shade overspread the dignified physician's countenance, as quickly he withdrew his notebook from his pocket and rapidly fingered over the leaves.

"Here it is," said he, stopping at a certain page. "Dinner at Mrs. Penelope's. Uneventful. Eked out the hour by giving hostess my opinions on the digestibility of mustard pickles, scalloped oysters, and plum cake," and added the physician, "without thinking, I annexed the amount of the bill which you have received. Madame, it should have been twenty-five."—Life.

**CULMINATION
IS TONIGHT**

Postal Clerks' Final Battle
With Christmas Mails a
Severe One

Santa Claus—that is the British Santa Claus may be late. Tonight the largest post mail ever received at the Victoria post office is expected and although the heavily-burdened post-office staff will endeavor to distribute the parcels many may not reach their addresses until after the holiday. On Wednesday night 934 parcels were received and more yesterday, but it is thought that the banner load comes. There will be probably a great many more parcels among the letter and newspaper mail, paid at letter rates, and not enumerate in the bills received by the postal staff. The receipt of registered letters from the east is also large. On Wednesday 498 were received and yesterday there were 509.

Christmas is not as merry a time for the tired postoffice employee as for most people. Tonight his labors will be prolonged. He will work all night and Christmas morning may see him still at work; in fact he will work until exhausted in order to facilitate the delivery of the Christmas mail for those who await presents.

In the postoffice there is time after table, laden with parcels and as a few are distributed, more are piled up. The labors of the postoffice man seem like those of Sicily. Eight or nine extra men have been secured, but many more could be employed. Tomorrow morning five rigs will be used to facilitate the delivery of the parcels.

The R.M.S. Empress of India, which reached port last night from the Orient brought the Christmas mails from the far east, and a big mail it was. The liner landed 550 bags at the outer wharf.

The large number of parcels have to pass through the hands of the customs officials to be marked and passed before they can be delivered, and with the coming of such a record number tonight, just before Christmas, the postoffice staff will have hard work in delivering them. Every effort will be made, though, to facilitate the delivery and many extra hours will be put in by the workers as a result.

The Santa Claus letters are dwindling, none having been received during the past two days. The prosaic postal clerks forward the missives addressed to old Kris Kringle to the dead letter office. Many of the letters to Santa Claus are extremely interesting, not a few young writers incidentally seeking news regarding the North pole discoverers. Santa Claus has a record mail every year and doubtless the small correspondents are picturing to themselves the scene in King Santa Claus' study. Naturally the letters would be too numerous to be read in the breakfast-room, and even the king would not be allowed to make a litter in the drawing-room. So it must be in the study. There at his roll-top desk, sits the aged but genial monarch at his task. Fairly pages in button bring in basket after basket heaped up with correspondence, and the king almost wonders if they will never stop. He has had to take off his huge red coat with the white fur on the cuffs and collar, so warm have his exertions made him, and this is flung over the back of a chair. Rapidly he opens one letter after another, and quickly but carefully he notes their contents. Most of the letters are short, but he does not judge them unfavorably on that account. Nay, a laboriously written little manuscript of three lines, with the letters crookedly but conscientiously formed, from some tiny little boy or girl of five or so, invariably brings what looks like a tear of sympathy into the kindly king's eye—for he is a tender-hearted old chap, as every one knows.

Santa Claus will have attended to these all, though before he starts on his rounds tonight.

Band on Douglas Street.

This evening, admiring crowds will listen to the Victoria City band which will discourse sweet music on Douglas street. Music hath charms and Douglas street has charms and the society of merchants of the latter thoroughly believe that the two combined will prove irresistible. For two hours the band will play along Douglas street according to the announcement. "The man that hath not music in his soul," well according to the Douglas street people he doesn't count for much in Victoria and his custom isn't worth cultivating.

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LADIES' PURE LINEN INITIAL HANDKERCHIEFS, each 35c and 20¢

LADIES' MALTESE LACE HANDKERCHIEFS, each \$1.40 to \$3.00

GENT'S PURE LINEN HANDKERCHIEFS, hemstitched, 50c and 25¢

GENT'S SILK AND LINEN INITIAL HANDKERCHIEFS, each 50¢

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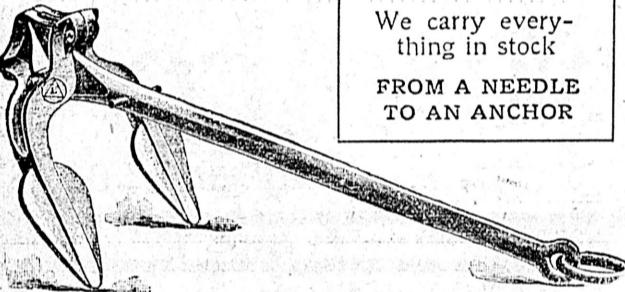
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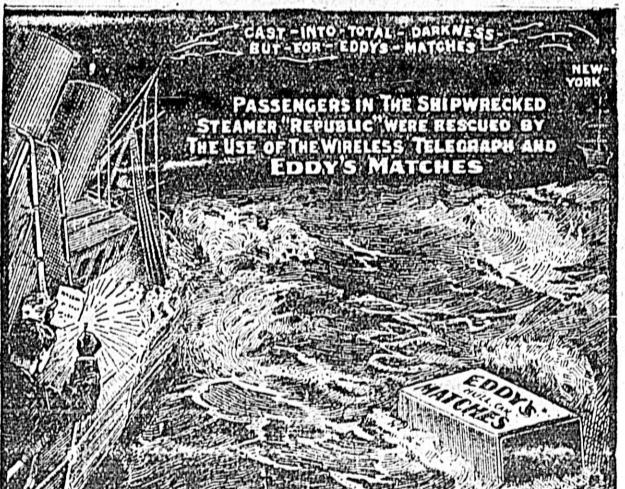
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NEWS OF THE CITY

New School Districts

Yesterday's issue of the B. C. Gazette contains formal notice of the creation of a new assisted school district at Oyama, the boundaries of which are specifically defined. The Gazette also defines the new limits of Mirror Lake assisted school district.

Provincial Offices Closed

Following the precedent of other years when statutory holidays have fallen, as do Christmas and New Year, on Saturdays, the Provincial government offices will be closed today and this day week, the members of the civil service making holiday.

Returns Very Slow

Although it is now a month since the provincial elections were held, as yet only twenty returning officers out of 31 have made their returns to the Provincial Secretary. Telegrams were yesterday sent the dilatory officers, and it is hoped to have the complete returns in hand by the end of the year.

Consolidated Leases

Notice is given in the current issue of the Gazette by Wilson & Bloomfield, of the intention of clients to apply for a special act at the coming session of the House consolidating certain valuable dredging leases on Willow creek, an auriferous affluent of the Fraser River.

Dominion Orders-in-Council

Two federal orders-in-council are published in yesterday's issue of the British Columbia Gazette, the former of these noting the authorization granted to the Burrard Power Co., Ltd., for the erection of a dam at the lower end of Lillooet lake. The other notes the reservation for the benefit of the City of New Westminster of a certain tract of land at and surrounding Coquitlam lake.

Is Now "First Baptist Church"

In compliance with a request from the congregation of what has formerly been known as Calvary Baptist church of this city, an orders-in-council was passed by the Provincial Executive yesterday authorizing the change of the corporate name of this congregation, under the Benevolent Societies Act, to the First Baptist Church of Victoria. The church will hereafter be known by its new name.

Deputy Registrars Named

At a short special session of the Provincial Executive, the appointments were decided upon Wednesday evening of Nathaniel A. Morrison of Ladysmith as Deputy Registrar of the County Court of Nanaimo; and Frederick Mummary, of Trout Lake, as Deputy Registrar of the County Court of Kootenay. Among the newly accredited notaries public for the province are H. W. Wrightman, J. A. Murray, A. W. Goodrich, W. H. MacInnes, H. T. Harries and Jason L. Watworth of Vancouver, and Jack Louet of North Vancouver.

Causeway Again in Use

The long-contested weariness and vexation of spirit in consequence of the re-laying of the tramway tracks on the Causeway and the paving of the fine section of Government street is at an end at last, the cars resuming regular service by use of the double track yesterday. During the past few weeks, the service on the Spring Ridge and Outer Wharf lines has been much interfered with, and Superintendent Gibson is congratulating himself that the long waits at Pandora and Douglas streets have been terminated before the heaviest traffic of the Christmas season.

Those Christmas Spirit Stamps

As the Christmas spirit animates a greater and greater section of the community, and Christmas itself draws near and nearer, the sale of the Anti-tuberculosis Society's "double-cross" stamp is mounting, and the results will mean quite an appreciable addition to the Society's working fund—a fund to be expended in the cause of suffering humanity that science can save if given but a fair chance. The stamp cost but one cent each—and every little helps. Stick this stamp with message bright on every Christmas letter; help the tuberculous fight and make the New Year better.

To Confirm Incorporation

Notice has been given by Barnard & Robertson, acting as solicitors for the Prince Rupert Power & Light Co., of the intention of that business association to seek a private act at the coming session of the House confirming the incorporation and powers already conferred. The legislation sought, it is also intended, shall contain a declaration "vesting in the company all water rights heretofore obtained or held by the company"; and confirming and ratifying all orders-in-council heretofore passed in connection with the company; and conferring on the company the right to store water, and to construct and operate waterworks, and to supply water for domestic and industrial purposes to municipalities and others."

No Early Redistribution

In connection with the recent expression of opinion by Mr. William Manson, member-elect for Skeena, that in view of the rapid increase and wide distribution of population in the Skeena district, the creation of Prince Rupert City and Skeena district into three or perhaps four constituencies at the approaching session was very probable, it may be stated on the best authority that there is little likelihood of any redistribution measure being considered during the forthcoming session. Only exceptional development would necessitate such action. With the rapid expansion of the New North and the Island, as an expected result of railway construction, redistribution in the direction of greater equity, will probably be necessary before the expiry of the natural life of the just-elected parliament, but such a rearrangement of districts is not a necessity of immediate future.

Many New Companies

Another long list of newly incorporated companies is contained in yesterday's issue of the official Gazette, these latest additions to British Columbia's limited liability corporations including the B. C. Lumber Manufacturers' Agency, Ltd.; Bitter Creek Mining Co., Ltd.; Carmichael & Moore Ltd.; Decker Lake Land Co., Ltd.; East & West Lumber Co., Ltd.; Fraser River Sand & Gravel Co., Ltd.; Graham Island Land Improvement Co., Ltd.; J. Z. Hall, Ltd.; K. C. Ltd.; Maple Leaf Lodge, K. of P.; Mushroom & Produce Co., Ltd.; Port Alberni Syndicate, Ltd.; Port Alberni Contract Co., Ltd.; Sidney Mtg. Co., Ltd.; and United Service Club, Ltd. Licenses have also been issued to these extra-provincial concerns: The British Canadian Securities, Ltd.; Dodwell & Co., Ltd.; Henry Danson & Sons, Ltd.; and the Ogilvie Flour Mills Co.

THE WEATHER

Meteorological office, Victoria, B. C., at 8 p. m., December 23, 1909;
SYNOPSIS.

The high pressure remains in nearly the same position as yesterday, central over the North Pacific states, but a low pressure is developing on the northern coast of British Columbia and has caused rainfall at Port Simpson and Tofino. Temperatures are nearly normal on the coast but remain low over the region of the Rockies and in the Prairie provinces.

TEMPERATURE.

	Min.	Max.
Victoria	29	36
Vancouver	24	31
New Westminster	22	32
Kamloops	10	18
Barkerville	zero	12
Port Simpson	28	34
Athlone	20	22
Dawson, Y. T.	6	8
Calgary, Alta.	8	20
Winnipeg, Man.	2	11
Portland, Ore.	26	31
San Francisco, Cal.	40	52

FORECASTS.

For 24 hours from 5 a. m. (Pacific Time) Friday:

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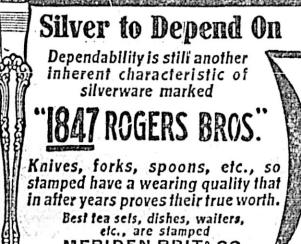
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VANCOUVER SEEKS CHARTER CHANGES

Outline of Amendments to Be Sought at Approaching Session of the Legislature

So long as Vancouver city remains under the special charter granted it and for the city's incorporation, so long will amendments to that much-prized and much-tinkered piece of special civic legislation continue to occupy a considerable portion of the time of British Columbian legislators whenever they assemble for the despatch of business.

No session would be complete without its crop of amendments, and its small contingent of fatherly officials assembled at the Capital to protect the infants in their passage toward inclusion in the statute. The session which is to open on the 20th proximo of course provides its budget, notice of which already is appearing in the Provincial Gazette.

Possibly the most important request from a public standpoint and one which will probably arouse considerable discussion in the private bills committee of the legislature is that covering a request for a charter amendment "to enable the city to construct its own telephone system."

Another matter covered by the notice affecting the telephone company as well as the B. C. Electric Railway Company and all other companies having wires strung or laid through the city streets asks the right of the city "to appoint an inspector of all wires in the city." This request is taken along the lines of the verdict of a coroner's jury recently inquiring into the death of Chas. Pearce near Glencoe Lodge in which it was recommended that to prevent the recurrence of similar accidents in the future all overhead wiring in the city should be inspected.

Abolition of Salary Limit.

The absolute repeal of Section 9 of the amendments enacted in 1907 is requested, this clause covering the limitation of the Vancouver council's powers to grant a greater salary than \$5,000 per year to any civic official and also providing for a two-thirds vote of the council to make valid any salary increase. No intimation is given in the notice as to whether a new salary limit is to be set or whether the matter shall be left to the judgment of the council.

No mention is made in the notice of any amendment providing for the increase of the aldermanic salaries above the limit of \$400 per year as now fixed.

Another section of the charter which the legislature is asked to repeal is No. 219. This provides that "every such public street, road, square, lane, bridge and highway shall be kept in repair by the corporation." It is stated that the repeal of this clause is desired in order to place the city in the same position as that now occupied by other cities of the province rather than by covering it through the specific clause.

A clause which meets the conditions of old buildings which are dangerous to public safety or health, where the owners object to the demolition of the structures, provides for the simplifying of the procedure whereby the civic authorities may proceed to destroy the buildings.

Regulation of Laundries.

The question of the location of laundries and livery stables is mentioned in the notice; the council requesting power to enact by-laws defining areas within which buildings used for such purposes may be established, constructed or maintained.

A number of the clauses have been inserted in the list of charter amendments at the request of the health authorities, these being as follows: to provide for proper sanitary arrangements with respect to restaurants; for licensing, regulating and prohibiting lodging houses and defining the same; for compelling owners of public buildings, whether already constructed or to be constructed, to provide adequate sanitary conveniences; for regulating and governing the installation of and maintenance of plumbing in any building; for regulating and preventing keeping of live poultry in the city (especially aimed at the practice of Orientals in the Chinese quarters); for regulating and preventing the division of buildings already constructed or to be constructed into separate flats or rooms (aimed at the cabin type of buildings).

Along the line of better licensing powers of the city it is asked that the authorities be permitted to refuse an application for a license for any purpose without giving stated reason for the action. The power to limit the term of the license year and to provide that no reduction shall be made in the license fee for any proportion of the year is also requested.

Stricter Enforcement of By-laws.

To enable the stricter enforcement of the civic by-laws the legislature is asked to give the power for the arrest of persons found violating the city regulations and persisting in such violation. This clause is designed to make the action of the police more drastic than merely summoning offenders.

In the field of local improvement work the authorities request power to construct cement walks without the consent of the owners liable to be assessed for the work.

General council powers are covered in the following clauses: To limit the city's liability for claims of compensation resulting from its exercise of its statutory powers; to define the position of the city with respect to claims for compensation by persons upon streets upon which no grade has been established arising by the exercise by the city of its statutory powers; providing for the alteration of the financial policy of the city through the issuance of inscribed stock and covering the right to alter existing debenture issues into this form of financial liability; to obviate the necessity of publishing the by-laws of the governing bodies of the city in the Gazette; to enable the city to exercise any of its powers by resolution of the council and to ratify all such powers heretofore exercised; to define more particularly the qualification of license commissioners.

Juvenile Court.

To cover a need which was recently disclosed, the right of the council to build and establish a juvenile court and detention home is requested and the legislation regarding the extension of the city limits is asked to be amended so as to give the city wider powers in this field.

Special powers are asked by the council, without appeal to the electors, to act with reference to property in block 48, D. L. 181, and certain portions of lanes and streets in the vicinity.

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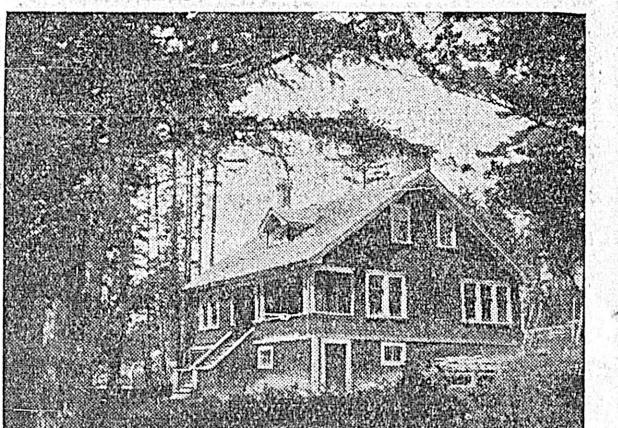
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iy of Front and Columbia streets, on the south side of Fisgard Creek. The matters covered by these requests have previously been discussed by the aldermen, the object in either case being the straightening and improvement of the streets at these points.

IN OPTIMISTIC VEIN

W. J. Blake Sees Rosy Future For Province.

W. J. Blake of the firm of P. Burns & Co., the owners of a string of up-to-date meat stores throughout the Canadian Far West, and who recently bought out the interests of R. Porter & Sons of Victoria, was in Victoria yesterday looking over the prospects this glad Christmastide.

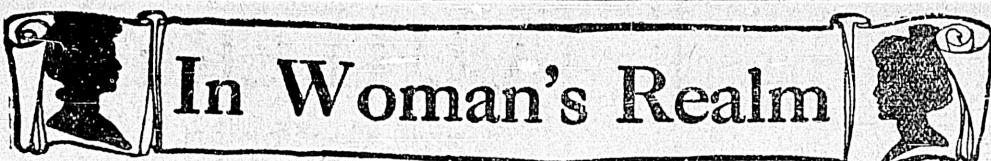
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Here and There CONCERNING WOMEN

wives of British politicians have helped their men-folk in the campaigns. As a rule little has been said about it. Their part was to say pleasant things to the electors whether of high or low degree and it was only on rare occasions that they used their quick wits and sharp tongues to wound opponents. Sometimes, indeed, the electors were surprised to learn that a member's wife or friend could take his place on the platform and that her logic was as sound and her arguments as convincing as that of the absent candidate. But even then it was rarely that she

said anything to provoke the hostility of the opposing candidates and their friends. All this will be changed in the present campaign. The feelings of the suffragettes and their friends have been raised to fever heat and they will oppose the government with all the zeal and bitterness which a series of real or fancied wrongs has engendered.

It would be expecting too much of human nature to suppose that their conduct will not be resented by the friends and relatives whom they oppose with such unreasoning bitterness. While there are many who will not notice by word or sign these agitators, there will be others who will use weapons keen if not so heavy as theirs.

Marie Corelli has issued a manifesto against the government condemning its policy in unsparring terms. Just what weight the production of a novelist, very popular among a large class of readers will have, it is difficult to tell. That it will not be without its influence is certain. It is hard to believe that the British women of whom we, on this continent hear the most, will go much to help the men of the country to make a wise decision in one of the most important elections that has ever been held in any free country. It may, however, be believed that there are many thousands of women whose influence will tell for a calm and sane view of the situation by men on both sides of politics. Of these the newspapers head little.

Miss Agnes Repplier, so a New York paper reports, has said that women lack truth and business integrity. One is reminded of the good man of old who said in his haste that all men were liars. Such sweeping generalizations are never correct. But such a statement coming from a woman whose judgment should be of some value calls for a little thought. Every one knows women whose word can be relied upon under any circumstances. No want of training would betray such women into any mistake in a business transaction which could even resemble dishonesty. In every community there are women who manage their own business or that of others with a prudence and directness that command success. Especially this is to be noticed in the benevolent institutions managed by women. As a rule one woman really does the business and charges of carelessness, much less of dishonesty, are very rare.

But, it is to be feared that there are many women, who in their intercourse with one another are open to the charge of disloyalty. Who has not been shocked by hearing criticisms, and very unkind criticisms, by women

of those from whom they are willing to receive favors.

No community is so small as to force those who believe one another capable of grave faults, to be friends. While circumstances may make politeness and association necessary it cannot compel intimacy with those whom we dislike. The woman who accepts the hospitality of another ought to feel it impossible to speak of her hostess slightly, much less cruelly. In this matter, it is to be feared the standard of women is much lower than that of men. This is a matter which every woman of kindly nature and high principle can help to reform. It is not necessary to be blind to the faults or failings of those whom we love and respect to refrain from speaking of them before strangers. It is better to err on the side of quixotic loyalty than to be guilty of deceit and treachery.

There is still in Canada a good deal of provincialism. The old Celtic feeling of "clannishness" is strong in most of us. This is seen in the formation of many societies. In their way these do a good work. It is pleasant for the Yorkshire man to find himself among friends or for the newly arrived Scot to spend an evening where his accent will be unnoticed if it is not actually a recommendation. The visitor from Nova Scotia likes to meet his compatriots in a strange city. But a feeling may well lead to abuses.

In our immense country we must guard against provincialism. The sooner we grow proud of being Canadians the sooner will Canada be really great and powerful. There has always been those who thought that unity was impossible. They have argued that the country was naturally divided into east, middle and west and that Nature herself had forbidden union. But science has overcome natural barriers and shown us that the prosperity of each province tends to the advancement of all.

But if distance could not really divide us it has been many times repeated that the real union of Quebec with the rest of Canada would never take place. To the great majority of men and women of the other provinces the French-Canadian is a stranger and in all the years that have passed since the conquest of Canada little has been done to promote friendship between the dwellers on the lower St. Lawrence and the inhabitants of the other provinces.

There are signs that this isolation may pass away. The poems of Drummond have familiarized many of us with the habitant. The long term of office of French-Canadian premier has in quite another way helped to soften old prejudices. Within the past few years education is spreading more quickly among the French-Canadians themselves. A few days ago the premier of Quebec delivered a lecture in Toronto in which he strove very effectively to bring before his audience a picture of the home life of people of Quebec. Much of what he said is of interest especially to women.

In the course of his address Sir Lomer Gouin drew with an artist's

skill a realistic picture of the wife and mother the devotion of the members of the family and the deep religious tone that pervaded the home that was exquisite in its simplicity, and throbbing with feeling.

"Despite the cares and responsibilities of maternity," he said, "there are few more active, more helpful and more light-hearted companions than the habitant wife and mother. 'La Belle Canadienne' they call her, and how well she deserves the compliment! (Applause) How attractive she is, those of you who have travelled in the province of Quebec don't need to be told, and those of you who have not should be told soon. How good she is, time would fail me to tell you. Usually of robust constitution, strong in the religious faith that sustains her under her many burdens and responsibilities and in her sense of duty—domestic, frugal and industrious—a devoted wife and indulgent mother, she appears to be a combination of all the virtues.

"The habitant is prouder of his larger family of children than of any of his worldly possessions," continued Sir Lomer. "The poorer he is the more delighted he appears to be with them. This was one reason, perhaps—the more numerous his family the greater number of willing workers there are upon the farm."

"But one must be given back in return to the good God who gives them so large a progeny. The brightest and best of the flock is selected with the approval of the parish priest for the holy mission, and the height of human ambition and happiness is reached for them, when the old father and mother, occupying the seats of honor in the church, are the first to receive the sacrament at the hands of the child whom they have given to God, when he celebrates his first mass."

"Happy in his home and contented with his lot the habitant's light-heartedness and freedom from worry displays itself in a variety of picturesque and innocent amusements. He is a born raconteur, and nobody is fonder than he of music, song and story. A country wedding the Province of Quebec often involves two or three days' rounds of festivities, which are sometimes continued from the house of one relative to that of another, till the whole string of family connections has been visited."

"There is, in this picture, much that accounts for the devoted love of the French habitant for his home.

The editor of Harper's Monthly says some things which those who love George Eliot's books will be pleased to read. One of the gossips who appear after the death of every great man repeated an unkind remark about the personal appearance of George Eliot, said to have been made by George Meredith. The speech was "George Eliot had the heart of a Sappho, but the face with its long proboscis and protruding teeth, as of the Apocalyptic horse, betrayed animality." Mr. Howells comments on the saying thus:

"One asks oneself and wishes at once to ask others what George Eliot's looks had to do with her novels and

one asks it from our experience, in vain. This hard saying against her is as far from criticism as that unhandsome filing Charles Reade was guilty of while he and she were both alive, to the same effect and purport; and it is a pity that George Meredith, now that she and he are both dead, should seem, or be made to seem, to behave so ill toward 'a heart of Sappho.' For, however we may differ from others as to the worth of Meredith's work, we would not let the madness of his adoration outweigh the honor of his most amiable and generous spirit; as much as any of them could, we hate to have this blot upon him, and we can imagine George Meredith meeting George Eliot in the fields of asphodel, and magnanimously shrinking from the reproach of the quick 'Ah!' with which her ghost must encounter his in their mutual consciousness.

"The only question for any one to ask himself concerning such criticism as the saying implies is whether the cruel charge of avaricious is at all founded. What proof of it is there in the woman's books: in 'Scenes of Clerical Life,' in 'Adam Bede,' in 'The Mill on the Floss,' in 'Felix Holt,' in 'Romola,' in 'Middlemarch,' in 'Daniel Deronda'? None whatever, we say, unless it is animality to deal sorrowfully and satirically with men's and women's untruth to themselves and one another in that relation in which they are finally most men and women. So far as aseptic handling goes the temptations and seductions and adulteries which get into fiction from life, in her novels are surgically clean. Not one salacious suggestion, not one impure touch, not one sensual lure, not one gross word or low thought taints her stories from first to last. If they err, it is on the side of a tragic ideal of sin as always self-punished, for sin is sometimes rather amused with itself and not finally dissatisfied to be so. Above all other English novelists she moralized her theme, if she did not stoop to truth but rather aspired to it, with a devotion not surpassed even by Tolstoy's. It is not merely cruel, then, to speak of her animality, but from any proof of it in her books, any hint even, the long proboscis and the protruding teeth notwithstanding, it is false. Her looks can not now afflict her more; very likely she and Savonarola have quite other faces by this time; but that grand anima may still be wounded by the accusal of sensuality in which no recorded syllable of hers joins with her critic."

Compensation

How children are frequently trained is exemplified by a conversation which took place in a West Philadelphia home between a visitor and his nephew.

Said the uncle: "John, I'm very sorry to hear that you have been a great deal of a bad boy lately. Your sister tells me that you had to be whipped frequently."

"Oh, I don't mind," replied John.

"Oh, I guess you do," said the

uncle. "You don't like to be whipped, do you?"

"I don't mind," said John.

"Why don't you?" asked the inquisitor.

"Well, you see, it's this way. When dad spanks me, ma feels so sorry for me she gives me candy on the sly. Then, when ma spanks me, dad feels so sorry that he gives me a quarter, and takes me to a moving picture show."—Philadelphia Times.

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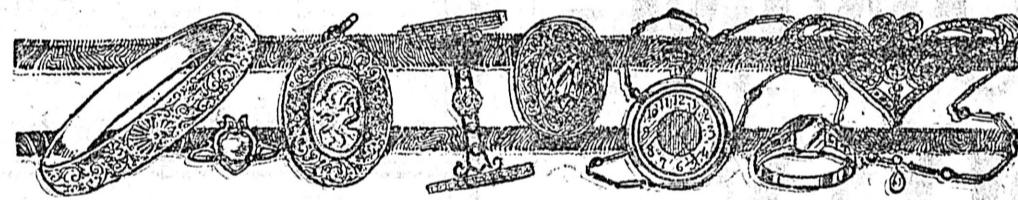
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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Mr. John Barnsley, of Victoria, is visiting in Seattle.
B. W. and Mrs. Greer are Christmas visitors at the Empress.

D. W. Higgins went over to Seattle last evening on the Princess Victoria.
Dr. W. L. Adams and W. G. Adams of San Francisco are guests at the Empress.

P. M. Linklater went over to Vancouver last night on the Princess Charlotte.

Mr. James Anderson, from Seattle, is spending a few days in town.
E. J. Perry left last night on a trip to eastern points.

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Fountain Pens, \$2.00 to	\$25.00
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Fans, \$1.25 to	\$25.00
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J. B. Bell, formerly of this city, has followed the practice of the law in Prince Rupert.

S. N. Dancey has returned to Merritt after an extended stay in Victoria.

Miss M. Kruger left yesterday via the Northern Pacific on an extended trip to New York.

R. F. Tolmie, deputy minister of mines, went over to Seattle last evening to spend Christmas.

Captain and Mrs. Saunders left yesterday for Riverside, Cal., where they will spend the winter.

Mrs. Radiger of this city returned home yesterday on the Princess Charlotte from a visit to Seattle.

Dr. Bert. Richards returned to the city to spend his Christmas at home here from Seattle yesterday.

Mr. Arthur L. Hunt, who has been spending a few days in town, will return to Thetis Island for Christmas.

George Palermo left yesterday via the Northern Pacific and the White Star liner Cedric on a visit to Naples.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Palmer left yesterday via the Northern Pacific on a trip to Southern California points.

Miss L. Bowron left town yesterday for Cle Elum, where she will spend the Christmas holiday with relatives.

Mrs. Jesse Longfield and her mother, Mrs. Kayton, of 527 Government street, will not receive today, Friday, the 24th.

Mr. Charles McDowell, of the Riverside hotel, Cowichan lake, is spending the Christmas holidays in the city with his mother.

Miss Aline Mackay is leaving town today for Thetis Island, where she will spend Christmas and be the guest of Mrs. Burchell.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Roberts, Burdette avenue, will spend the Christmas vacation at Bellingham, the guests of relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Roper, from Cherry Creek, are in town and will spend Christmas here. They are guests at the Empress.

Henry Cundell left yesterday for New York, whence he will sail on the White Star liner Laurentic on a three months' trip to England.

Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher, Carberry Gardens, and Mr. Adrain Fletcher are leaving town today for Vancouver where they will spend Christmas.

Dr. Rowe, secretary of the Vancouver Tourist Association, returned home last evening on the Princess Charlotte after a short visit here.

Henry Crane of the Attorney General's department, with Mrs. Crane and family, will spend the Christmas with friends at Enderby.

Mrs. Therriault, who for many years has been a resident in this city has removed to the city of Seattle to be

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Mining Department.



An Opinion on Granby Mining Stock.

Both for magnitude of operations and quantity of output, the Granby stands today as the ideal of British Columbian mining propositions. In the present stage of the industry in this province, and the fact that it is attracting a constantly increasing degree of attention in the outside financial markets is observed with keen gratification by every man here who is in any way interested in mining.

The present time is that of Granby Consolidated Mining, Smelting & Power Co., which is quoted around 100. I believe the stock is worth more, and I look to see it selling considerably higher within the next year. As a matter of fact, the annual report of this company as of June 30th, 1909, shows conclusively that the property is again attaining a position which will enable the declaration of a dividend to be made before long.

"Last year Granby produced 21,901,528 pounds of copper at about 10 cents a pound. This copper was sold at an average of 15.22 cents per pound, and the gross income was \$3,983,536. The net profits were \$681,134, leaving after dividend charges, a surplus of \$111,134, compared with a deficit of \$68,478 in the previous year. In other words, this means that \$5 was earned on each of the 135,000 shares of stock, and that rather than showing a deficit the company piled up a good surplus for the year. Of the \$5 earned, \$2 per share was paid in dividends last December, and \$2 per share went into charges for new construction.

"Some have unfairly criticized the management for not charging the construction up to the copper costs. The majority of people, however, believe that since the company was to realize the profits from this construction during the following year, it was only right to charge its cost from the earnings. During the year the company increased its underground development so that 40 per cent more ore might be handled than heretofore. This underground development work was properly charged to copper-making costs. That the company is now making use of these increases is shown by the fact that during the month of October it increased its production by nearly 50 per cent.

"The Granby Consolidated Mining, Smelting & Power company is not an old company. It was incorporated in 1901, it began paying dividends in 1903, and has paid a total of \$2 per share: \$12 in 1903, \$8 in 1907, and \$4 in 1908. In other words, since the date of its incorporation this company has paid better than \$3 per share each year of its existence. The company now has seven furnaces in operation, and its production will be brought up to over 30,000,000 pounds of copper per year. With the costs decreasing (they are now about 9½ cents per pound), there is no reason why the company should not make money even on a 13 cent metal market. Figuring the costs at 9½ cents, even on a 13 cent metal market, the company would then show earnings of over \$7 per share. This, however, is a conservative estimate, for many believe that within a year the costs will be down to 9 cents, and that the production will be greater than 30,000,000 pounds of copper, perhaps 35,000,000, an output which would show a fine profit to the stockholder.

"The company has a capital of 150,000 shares, par value \$100 per share, and 135,000 shares are outstanding. It is expected that the remaining 15,000 shares of treasury stock will be issued towards the latter part of the year in order to take care of the money the company has invested in the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Co. The company is controlled by strong New York interests, James J. Hill being represented on the board of directors, as is the American Metal Co. and the Nichols Copper circular says:

"There is every reason to expect that the world's product will increase annually for several years to come. The probable life of the mines of the Rand has been the subject of much speculation in mining circles, the consensus of opinion being that these great mines will contribute largely to the world's output of gold for at least a quarter of a century. At this time there is no

Co. I believe this stock will sell materially higher within the year."

Nothing could show more plainly than does the above extract the high position which this British Columbia mine has reached among copper-producers and dividend-payers, and nothing could point out more plainly the splendid future which dozens of existing copper properties in this province may look forward to, given only the requisites of men of skill and experience. Nor it is a case of waiting a long time for a return for one's labors. As the writer above quoted points out, the Granby was only incorporated in 1901, and while much was done before it reached the incorporating stage, the time, as measured by years, was not long. Such particulars as those given above are calculated to put the heart into every man who owns a copper prospect in our big province, and should act as a beacon to light him along the road to success.

The Consolidated Company Acquires New Property.

Word is to hand of the acquisition of one or more valuable mineral properties by the Consolidated Mining and Smelting Co. of Canada. This is the property known as the No. 7 group of mineral claims, situated in Central Camp, eight miles southeast of Greenwood, and two-and-a-half miles east of Boundary Falls. The sellers were the B.C. Copper Co. and the Giant Power Co. The No. 7 group consists of eight claims and fractions, aggregating 300 acres. The ledges carry gold and silver, and the ore is of the concentrating type. The ledges are of fair average width, and very persistent. About 3,000 feet of development work has been done, including a shaft of 300 feet, and drift along the main ledge.

From present indications the acquisition of this property by the Consolidated company is likely to mean a great deal both for the Greenwood Camp and the surrounding country, since it is reported that the intention is to build an aerial tram, two-and-a-half miles in length, and a concentrator with a capacity of 150 tons a day. The concentrator will be of a type thoroughly adapted for the concentration of the class of ore found in the ledges of the No. 7 group. The construction of the concentrator in particular will be most advantageous to the district in general, as well as to the No. 7 group itself, since it will give many neighboring properties, which are known to carry the same character of ore, the long desired opportunity of having their product tested with a view to finding out whether it will pay for treatment.

The Supply of Gold.

While returns of absolute accuracy are, of course, not yet obtainable, it is estimated from reliable sources that the world's output of gold for the present year will not be less than \$450,000,000, or about \$16,000,000 more than the record reached last year. Discussing this interesting subject, which has so prominent a place in the thoughts of many of those interested in British Columbian mines, the National City Bank circular says:

"There is every reason to expect that the world's product will increase annually for several years to come. The probable life of the mines of the Rand has been the subject of much speculation in mining circles, the consensus of opinion being that these great mines will contribute largely to the world's output of gold for at least a quarter of a century. At this time there is no

indication of a decline in the gold production of the South African field. On the contrary, the output from this source is growing from year to year. The greatest feature in the life of these mines is represented by the depth at which they can be successfully worked. In the mines of nearly all other parts of the world heat increases one degree Fahrenheit for every 55 vertical feet of depth obtained, while in the mines of the Rand the increase of heat is only one degree Fahrenheit in 265 vertical feet. This physical condition will admit of the successful working of these mines to a great depth, and will much prolong the period of their productivity.

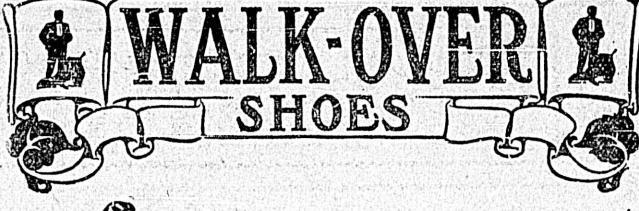
"There is a popular impression that much the greater part of the annual gold product is used in coinage, but this is an error, as only about 46 per cent is used for monetary purposes, the balance being consumed in the arts, the manufactures and hoarded. Notwithstanding the great increase in the production of gold in the last twenty-eight years, the demand is constantly growing, and the principal countries of Europe have adopted measures to conserve, as well as to increase their holdings of the yellow metal."

B. C. Copper Co. Profits.

A gratifying increase in profits, accompanied by a no less satisfactory decrease in the cost of production, is shown in the reports of the operations of the British Columbia Copper Co. for the month of November. The profits are stated to have amounted to \$54,000, as compared with \$38,000 in October. The cost of producing copper was lowered to 7.35c. per pound, as against 8.8c. for the previous month. This is a very remarkable showing indeed, and it may not be out of place here to mention the fact that, something like a year ago, the moderate cost of copper production prevailing in the properties of this company attracted the favorable comment of some of the leading copper authorities in the United States.

E. J. Chamberlin, general manager of the Grand Trunk Pacific, is expected to arrive in Vancouver from Winnipeg about the 10th January, en route to Prince Rupert. A week will be spent in the northern city in conference with other traffic officials now visiting the Coast. Various details in connection with the tracklaying operations next spring on the 100-mile coast section and the proposed steamship service between Prince Rupert and Vancouver and Victoria will be worked out. On his return from the north, Mr. Chamberlin will spend several days in Victoria and Vancouver. The traffic officials are now en route to Portland and San Francisco, where various matters respecting the company's proposed operations will be discussed. The members of the party are Messrs. Geo. T. Bell, assistant passenger traffic manager; W. P. Hinton, general passenger agent; J. E. Dalrymple, assistant freight traffic manager; F. C. Salter, European traffic agent, and Capt. C. H. Nicholson, recently appointed manager of the company's steamship lines on the Pacific Coast.

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In chambers yesterday before Chief Justice Hunter, re Richard Morrison, deceased, Mr. Oliver, for the administrator, asked leave to sell the estate. Mr. H. C. Hanington, on behalf of the heirs, brothers and sisters resident in the east, asked for a stay. The court ordered the application to stand over.

Re John Irving, deceased, Mr. Higgins for the administrator, Mr. Elliott, K.C., for the claimant, an application for payment of the claim of J. K. Kelly was granted.

In the case of Baise vs. the British Columbia Electric company, Mr. Akleman and Mr. Davie appearing an application for security for costs of appeal was granted by consent.

Re F. Schneider, deceased, Mr. Courtney and Mr. Higgins appearing an application for the payment of monies in court. An order was made for the payment out of court of the shares of the widow and two daughters.

There will be no regular sittings in chambers during the Christmas vacation which begins today and ends January 3rd.

The divorce case of Smith vs. Smith will be heard immediately after vacation in the supreme court.

In the supreme court yesterday the will of Forrest vs. Spears affecting the will of the late Matthew J. Marshall, of Cowichan, continued all forenoon and all afternoon. The chief witness

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Presentation to Chief Steward

The first of the many pleasant Christmas functions at the Empress hotel took place yesterday when Mr. F. W. Kostebnader, the popular chief steward, was presented with Christmas presents by the members of the staff forming his department. The gift was a very handsome gold-mounted umbrella, and the presentation was made by the genial day watchman, Mr. Harry Stevens, who in a pithy little speech well expressed the feelings and good wishes of his fellow employees towards their chief. In replying, Mr. Kostebnader expressed his appreciation of the excellent fellowship that had existed amongst his staff during the past year and impressed upon

those present that this good feeling must be maintained in the future to still further the reputation of the house for which all were working. Fair, impartial and generous, yet strict on duty, Mr. Kostebnader has indeed earned the respect and regard of those working under his guidance.

Band Reorganizes

The Victoria concert band was reorganized last night when the following officers were elected: President, Mr. S. Billingsley; secretary-treasurer, Mr. G. O. Okell; business manager, Mr. J. Ball; librarian, Mr. Geo. Keown, and an executive committee to consist of all officers and the bandmaster. The band has been fortunate in securing

the services of Mr. Louis Turner as leader, as he is a thoroughly competent and very able musician in every respect, having had considerable experience in this respect.

Treat and Entertainment

The Christmas treat and entertainment of the St. Paul's Sabbath school, Victoria West, took place in Semple's hall on Wednesday evening and was largely attended by deeply interested young and old. Supper was served to the children at six o'clock which was followed by a number of interesting games and at 8 o'clock an interesting programme together with exchanges of Christmas gifts by teachers and scholars.

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5-Roomed House—New, well built, all modern, large verandas and large hall, full basement; one hundred yards from the earline; price \$2650.00. Terms \$300 cash, balance \$20 per month; interest 7 per cent per annum.

5 Acres—Four miles out, splendid soil, all cleared and fenced, no buildings; price \$1800.00; terms \$500 cash, balance to suit.

5 Acres—7 miles out, good 5-roomed house, barn, dairy and chicken house; land is all cleared, good vegetable garden and a few fruit trees; plenty of water; 1 1/2 miles from a railway station. Price \$1500.00; terms \$500 cash, balance to suit.

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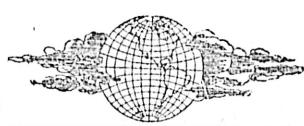
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Victorians responded nobly this Christmas to the appeal issued by the Shaftesbury Society of London, Eng., on behalf of the crippled and helpless children of the world's metropolis. Today there will be cabled to the society's headquarters the sum of \$573.95 just \$50 more than was cabled from this city last year. A. J. Brace, honorary secretary of the local committee which has been canvassing for funds, will mail any late subscriptions which those charitably inclined may have to him. Additional subscriptions not hitherto credited were as follows:

Strawberry Vale Methodist Sunday school, \$6.25; St. Saviour's Church Sunday school, \$13.50; Oak Bay Anglican Sunday school, \$8.00; Woodward's Ross Bay Sunday school, \$9.60; Newham, 25c; Mrs. Hanson, \$1.00; Jack Newham, 25c. Total \$573.95.

A 50-cent bottle of Scott's Emulsion

given in half-teaspoon doses four times a day, mixed in its bottle, will last a year-old baby nearly a month, and four bottles over three months, and will make the baby strong and well and will lay the foundation for a healthy, robust boy or girl.

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RICH CARGO ON EMPRESS

R.M.S. Empress of India Passes Close to Derelict Susie M. Plummer

NO REPORT MADE OF THE WRECK

Large Number of Russians Coming—Heavy Loss of Life in Korean Waters

With a cargo including silk worth over a million and half dollars and 246 passengers, seven only in the saloon, the R.M.S. Empress of India, Capt. Beeham, which reached port last night, passed close to the derelict Susie M. Plummer inbound from Yokohama, no warning having been sent, as was expected, to the incoming liner by wireless. "We might have struck the wreck, which is a dangerous moment to navigation. We did not know of its existence until reaching port." The Empress of India made a fast run being but twelve days from Yokohama. The small freight was a record one, 550 bags being landed here.

There was a small complement of saloon passengers, but seven in the saloon. Those were Mark Baggally, of Jardine Matheson & Co., the well known tea man from Keelung, Formosa, who has made many trips from the Orient. J. P. Montague, representing the James Dollar steamship company at Tientsin and Peking, who left on December 1st when the Peho river froze up, no steamer being caught in the ice this year. O. Kitz, a German engineer who has been employed in the construction work on the Pukow-Tientsin railroad, came from Chinan Fu on his way to Hamburg. Rev. M. B. Madden, a missionary came from Japan. Fung Yu Nong, a New York Chinese returned from a buying trip to Canton where he bought a large shipment of Chinese provisions for countrymen at New York. S. Yamada, a Japanese merchant, came from Tokyo bound to London. There were 48 intermediate passengers and 191 steerage, mostly Chinese. One Saloon passenger, Mr. Montague, and 19 Chinese steerage, of whom three paid the head tax debarked here. There were 13 Chinese who paid head tax among the Chinese for Vancouver.

The cargo of the steamer was one of the richest brought across the Pacific. There were included in the freight of the white liner, totalling 922 tons weight and 2,616 tons measurement, 2,398 bales of raw silk, 145 bales of wild silk, 116 bales of waste silk, 7 cases of pongees, 16 cases of silk goods, 206 cases of manufactured silk, 188 cases of linens, 10 cases of cigars, 5 cases of cut-gut.

Tartars Coming

News was brought by the Empress of India that 250 Russians have left Dalny for Kobe, intending to embark on a steamer for Victoria and Vancouver. It is the intention of the Russians to settle in British Columbia and take up farming.

Tremendous loss of life was occasioned off Korea and Japan by severe gales shortly before the Empress of India sailed. News was brought from Korea that six hundred and twenty Korean fishing vessels were wrecked off Sinpo, South Ham-gyong, while in northeastern Korea more than half the fleet of fishing craft was lost. The loss of life was expected to exceed two thousand.

Consul Withdrawn

Japanese newspapers referring to the recall of Mr. Cloud, United States consul at Mukden, lay stress upon the news of his departure from Mukden, followed the publication of his report referring to unfair methods of the Japanese in Manchuria, and some papers state this report caused his recall. Several papers stated he was recalled to discuss the report with the state department at Washington. United States Ambassador O'Brien issued an official denial, stating Mr. Cloud's return had no connection with his report.

The Dutch cruiser Noord Brabant, which had returned to Yokohama from San Francisco encountered a hurricane en route and had her mizzen mast broken, her wireless apparatus being disabled in consequence. She was several days overdue on arrival.

News was brought from Vladivostok by the Empress of India that two icebreakers are expected there to be sent to the Arctic to ascertain if a passage from Vladivostok to Europe that way is possible.

China and Portugal

From Macao news was brought that a contingent of Chinese soldiers occupied an island claimed by Portugal at the Macao border and wounded a number of islanders claiming Portuguese protection and seized some junks. A protest has been made by the Portuguese officials.

General Kuroki and a party of prominent Japanese had a narrow escape in an accident when going to a harbour in Izu. A carriage was overturned, and fell thirty feet down a hillside. Viscounts Yabu and Okazaki and Baroness Hosokawa and Osoza being severely injured. Viscount Yabu was picked up unconscious and it was feared for a time he would succumb.

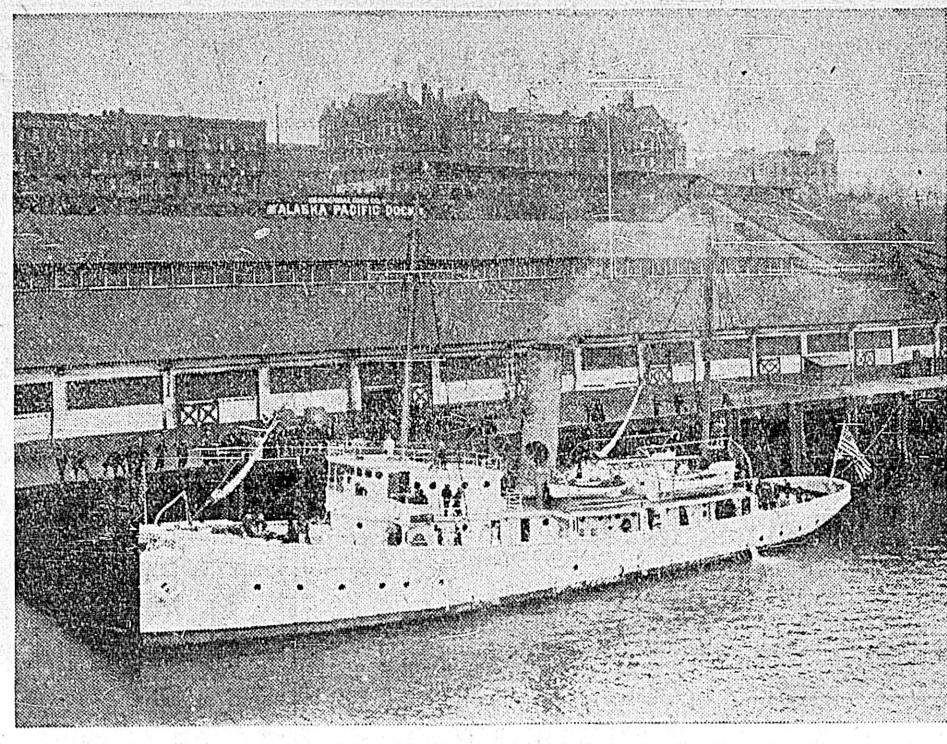
ELWELL FOR SALE

Vessel Which Lay Idle at Esquimalt For Many Months to Be Sold Under the Hammer.

The American ship Elwell, which has been disengaged since she arrived here over a year ago from Haliphong, via Keelung, and is now lying at West Seattle, will be sold to the highest bidder by United States Marshal C. B. Hopkins from the steps of the federal building, Tuesday, to satisfy debts.

The Elwell is one of the oldest and best known sailing vessels operating from this port. She was built in 1875 at Damariscotta, Me., and operated on the Atlantic for several years. For a time she was in the lumber carrying trade on the Pacific, but in late years has been operating to Alaska. During the gold rush the Elwell carried passengers to the northern ports.

The cable steamer Restorer located the San Juan end of the broken telephone cable across the gulf yesterday.



U. S. lifesaving tug Snohomish, which is cruising after the derelict Susie M. Plummer.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE

By Government Wireless.
Cape Lazo, 8 a.m.—Cloudy, wind southwest, Bar. 29.95, temp. 35. Sea smooth. No shipping.

Point Grey, 8 a.m.—Cloudy, calm. Bar. 30.08, temp. 56. Sea smooth. No shipping.

Point Grey, 8 a.m.—Light snow, a southeast breeze. Bar. 30.05, temp. 56. Sea smooth. In, steam schooner 5.50 a.m. Out, steamer. 6.35 a.m.

Pachena, 8 a.m.—Snowing, wind easterly. Bar. 29.98, temp. 56. Sea smooth. No shipping.

Edmundston, 8 a.m.—Snowing, wind southeast. Bar. 30.05, temp. 56. Sea smooth. Spoke Kaga Maru, lat. 49.35, long. 130.34.

Cape Lazo, 8 a.m.—Clear, southeast wind. Bar. 30.05, temp. 56. Sea smooth. No shipping.

Point Grey, noon—Cloudy, south-east wind. Bar. 30.05, temp. 36. Sea smooth. No shipping.

Tatoosh, noon—Snowing, northeast wind. Bar. 29.98, temp. 56. Sea smooth. No shipping.

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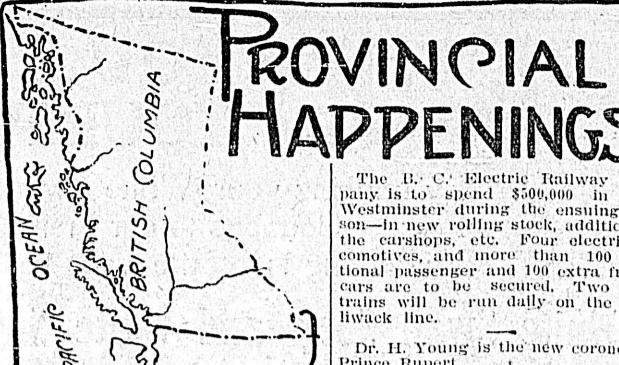
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A new Unitarian church has been formally dedicated in Vancouver.

Burnaby has formally organized a district board of trade.

Miss May Tully, a former Nanaimo girl, is making a marked success in vaudeville, on Pantages' circuit.

Hon. Justice Murphy is spending Christmas at his former home in Ashcroft.

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Vancouver has received an expert report from Chicago that wood blocks are now favored by the best authorities as paving material.

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Judge Grant administered a severe rebuke to a young barrister of Vancouver, in the county court of that city on Tuesday, for garnisheeing a man's salary under a judgment summons which the court had already enlarged till April, on account of the hard circumstances of the debtor. The original judgment in the plaintiff's favor was for \$431, but because of a death in the family and funeral expenses borne by the defendant, the court adjourned the summons till April. During the week the plaintiff's lawyer got out a garnishee against the defendant's wages for an instalment of the debt. Judge Grant stated that the lawyer had only insulted the court by going behind its back to the registrar and getting out a garnishee, when it had given directions to the contrary. Moreover, he had shown himself negligent in that milk of human kindness which should flow more freely in the Christmas season than at any other time of the year. He would not allow the case to remain in court for one hour while the lawyer appealed.

Point Grey Lands

H. B. Smith, PLLC, has just completed the subdivision of a large tract of the provincial holdings at Point Grey. The area is about three times that of the property recently sold at auction and consists of a strip of land half a mile deep and three-quarters of a mile long, fronting on English Bay and extending west as far as the Government wireless station, from the western boundary of the tract recent-

ly sold. The survey has been carried out so that the lots are of irregular size, running from 150x120 feet to two acres in extent. A small park has also been laid out at the First Ravine. It is not known when the Government will put up the lands for sale, although it has been thought probable that an auction may be held in the spring. Mr. Smith will spend the remainder of the winter subdividing the Point Grey lands over to the North Arm of the Fraser.

Cupid and Appendicitis.

Cupid and appendicitis had a Christmas battle royal yesterday afternoon at the Vancouver general hospital. Cupid was an easy winner. The principals in the event, aside from appendicitis were Miss Ethel Cochrane, matron of the hospital at Kamloops, and A. E. McHugh, also a resident of Kamloops. The bride reached Vancouver a week ago. The same night she was taken violently ill of appendicitis and the following day operated upon. Yesterday was her wedding day and rather than postpone the event, it was decided to celebrate the nuptials in the hospital. Members of the hospital staff took a lively interest in the event. The nurses decorated the room with Christmas green and a beautiful wedding bell was suspended above the bed. The ceremony was performed by Rev. R. Milliken, pastor of the Wesley Church. If the bride is able to be moved, the couple will return to Kamloops on Christmas Day. The bridesmaid was Miss Josephine Cullinan and the groomsman Dr. Turnbull.

Petroleum in Matsqui

Aldergrove and the country surrounding Sumas and Abbotsford have been thrown into excitement by the efforts of a syndicate headed by J. J. Banfield, of Vancouver, F. S. MacLure, of Matsqui, and Mrs. MacLure, formerly of Vancouver, to find oil in the district. The syndicate has \$40,000 banked, and is prosecuting boring operations. About 2,000 acres of land have been optioned, and borings have been made all over it. Mr. Banfield was recently on the scene of activity, and is stated to be confident that oil will be found within a short time. The first find of tur-sand, the presence of which is said to be a sure sign of petroleum, was made several weeks ago when a lighted match was accidentally dropped on the ground. It inflamed the sod at once. The news was brought to the city, and immediate preparations were made to go after oil. The inhabitants of the countryside, whose farms have nearly all been staked, are keenly interested in the efforts of the company. The belief that there is oil in this district is scarcely new, as it was exploited

HOLIDAY FARE FOR VICTORIANS

Christmas Poultry Nearly Sixty Tons—Some Moralizing Thereupon

CHRISTMAS FARE.

Victorians will consume 56 tons of fowl tomorrow and Sunday. Turkeys will, as has been intimated, predominate. There will be approximately, 36 tons of turkey, 10 tons of geese and 10 tons of ducks. Few chickens will be eaten, and pork and mutton will drop to a minimum, even the roast beef of Old England giving place to the Yuletide bird.

When you sit down to your Christmas turkey or your goose or your duck tomorrow you may not realize how many other turkeys or geese or ducks are being sat down to. It is the fate of the turkey or the goose or the duck to assume a beautiful crisp brown tint and decorate the carver's end of the Christmas board.

Then, there is the carving. Some men and many women are good carvers. Others again are not. In the case of the latter it is often fortunate indeed that the bird that undergoes the operation has departed its life prior to the ordeal. Surgeons of experience have an advantage over ordinary mortals in the matter of carving. Once a prominent surgeon presided at the head of the family board on Christmas day. He was an absent-minded man this surgeon, and while he carved, his thoughts were intent upon a knotty point in his profession. He had just made a neat incision laying bare a wealth of fine dressing when he suddenly stopped carving. His wife, perplexed, asked him the cause. "What is the matter dear?" she inquired.

The surgeon, his thoughts a-roving, gravely replied: "I should say, judging by indications, a simple rupture of the left aorta."

There are many methods of carving. The earliest method was that employed by the paleolithic men who used stone knives and their own teeth. Since that time many new ways have been devised, some better and not a few worse. Probably the best general and they carvers are the female keepers of boarding houses. The average landlady, in good trim, can make a dead turkey go farther than ever it went in life. Some landladies can cut a slice so thin that a paper-weight is required to prevent it from blowing away by a stray gust of wind. It is well, if the Christmas din-

ner be eaten in a boarding house, to previously cultivate a stand-in with the landlady. It is unwise to give the landlady cause for offence at any time but it is especially so just prior to Christmas dinner. There is the outstanding instance of the young man who quoted a well-known phrase when the landlady brought in the Christmas turkey. The young man knew it was a cold-storage turkey and he exclaimed: "It is not dead but sleepy." What happened to him was plenty!

Poor Piteous Potts.

Then, there was the sad case of old Mr. Potts. Mr. Potts inhabited a boarding house in the Rue Berri, Montreal, presided over by a landlady of refined acidity. Her countenance would have stopped a phonograph and her voice was sulphuric. Her age was a matter of conjecture, private conjecture of course. One Christmas day with a table full of expectant boarders she was flourishing knife and steel before a large, tough-looking turkey when a young man, seated next to old Mr. Potts, hoping to please the landlady, remarked to old Mr. Potts:

"Mrs. Sturvenious looks quite cherky, Mr. Potts."

Poor old Mr. Potts was hard of hearing, and understanding his young neighbor to have referred to the turkey, he responded with enthusiasm:

"My, my, a rare bird I will say, young sir, a rare bird!"

Alas, poor old Mr. Potts! And he was so hungry too!

Most Victorians, according to the results of an investigation made by the Colonist will have turkey for Christmas.

There will be some ducks eaten and some geese too will be consumed but every family that can lay hands on a turkey will have one tomorrow. The same will hold true through the Dominion. If the turkeys that will disappear tomorrow (all but the pickings which will be served cold on Sunday) could have been gathered into one big flock, prior to their demise, it would have taken a ten-acre field to hold them if they had stood touching.

BUSINESS STILL RECORD BREAKING

Merchants Report Buying Heavier Than Ever Before in City's History

Shop early.

Another record day yesterday for the merchants of Victoria. Instead of falling off as some dealers feared, the Christmas rush continued with increased volume and yesterday was the biggest day yet. The downtown streets were crowded all day and last evening bundle-laden crowds flocked from store to store in steady unbroken streams.

There never has been such a Christmas in Victoria.

Despite the overcast sky and slightly warm temperature yesterday, the weather sharps declare that there is every indication of a continuance of the fine weather. This will put the cap-sheath on the record season's business.

The city began to put on its real Christmas aspect yesterday. Express wagons, laden down with odds and ends of bundles began their pilgrim-

ages through the residential streets. In many of the wagons green spruce trees attested the nearness of the festival. In the stores flocks of children gathered about the toy counters and looked for Santa Claus who seemed to be omnipresent, appearing in half a dozen places at once. One little chap paused before a huge fir tree that grows on a lawn on Fort street. He was bound downtown with mamma when the sight of the noble tree arrested his attention.

"Mamma," this young two-foot boy exclaimed, after gazing at the tree for some time, "if I had an axe now, I could get our Christmas tree myself!"

POLITICS DRIVES THEM HITHER

Old Countrymen Write Development League That They Are Coming to Vancouver Island

Already unsettled political conditions in the Old Country are driving people to Vancouver Island.

No less than three letters were received by the secretary of the Development League yesterday, two from England and one from Scotland and all with the same complaint. The writers meditated coming to Vancouver Island next spring on account of the unsettled political conditions in the old land. All three are people of means and will invest in land.

The Lloyd-George budget if inviolable to people of landed wealth in the old country is working Vancouver Island this much good.

OREGONIANS COMING

Exodus to Vancouver Island from This State Commences

The vanguard of a colony from Oregon which purposed coming to Vancouver Island, arrived in this city in the person of C. Michelsen, who has purchased between 300 and 400 acres of land at Banfield and will commence to settle it.

Mr. Michelsen communicated with the development league and obtained data with regard to conditions upon this island. As a result he visited several districts and finally decided to make Banfield his headquarters.

He will return to Oregon and will be accompanied back by a number of

Civic Pay Day Today

Today will be pay day at the city hall, the date for this interesting ceremony being advanced in order that the employees as well as the aldermen may have some spending money for Christmas.

To Subdivide Property

In all likelihood the property known as the Dean Farm, near the Willows on Cadboro Bay road will be subdivided and placed on the market.

The property is now owned by a Wm. R. Gadsden which will divide the tract along lines similar to the Uplands Farm which immediately adjoins the Dean Farm. About 300 acres is comprised.

To Develop Sooke Lake

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The expert who has been in the city for the past two months has been in communication with his principals and it is possible that the steam pump which is less effective than that driven by electricity will be altered by changing the interior arrangement of the chamber. The trouble with the bearings through overheating has been completely eliminated.

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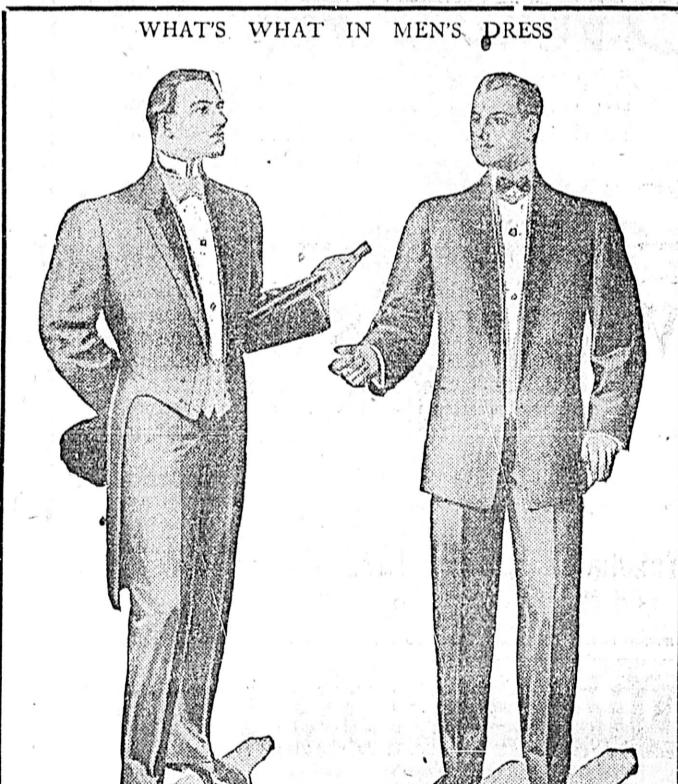


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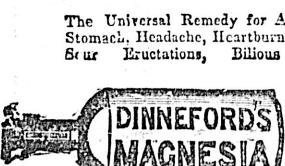
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What are you going to do on Christmas?

Maybe you're an athlete or "one who is in training or one of them guys what has been and would like to be again." If so, there's no need asking the question. You will either take part in the Empress club's five-mile race, chase the pig-skin, or gather up your paraphernalia early in the morning and spend the morning strolling around the Oak Bay golf links.

Perhaps you're a spectator—using a poor imitation of the lingo of the howler, "a feller all caked in oil sports who has quit and likes standing on the sideline piping de play, shoutin sometimes, and between-times blowin smoke rings from the real thing in the seegar line." Should you belong to this class there is a splendid variety for you're selection.

Are you a soccer enthusiast? Then there's nothing to it. You have a morning's work cut out for the forenoon of the great festival.

Here is an outline of the offerings:

The Big Match.

Victoria West vs. A. O. F. in Island League match at Oak Bay, the men to line up at 10 o'clock promptly. The Wests will wear jerseys of green and the Foresters will be distinguished by an array which is dazzling. Those with weak eyes should go prepared for the shock might do their optics serious injury. It is hinted that some enterprising individuals with the buns of caution highly developed have taken the precaution of having a specialist on the field. For this, upholders are extended to the A. O. F., president. No reflection on the taste of the club is intended. These comments are simply designed to give the many hundreds this advisedly because soccer is increasing in popularity here and on Christmas all will have a day off—an opportunity to place the rivals as soon as they see the formation.

No doubt about it whatever the game's going to be a hummer. Some think that the A. O. F. eleven are what in the slang vernacular are known as "mutts." No such thing. Those who saw them in action against the Nootnams gallantly last Saturday will agree that they are about as speedy an aggregation as Victoria has produced in recent years. A strong forward attack, a well-balanced half-back combination and sturdy full-back and goal-keeper—what more could be wanted? When that is said the A. O. F.'s have been accorded a full grade of praise and can be given an Association football squad. When it is added that the thoroughbreds from across the baron are hard to beat, who will gainsay the statement that the struggle is destined to be a memorable one? Victoria West has long held the palm in Victoria on when it is said that the Foresters are the first to seriously question their superiority, it follows that Christmas Day's match is going to be no pink tie affair but something close to the "real thing."

Other Games.

That's only the initial item on the bill-of-fare. Besides there are three Second Division matches and, in order that the reader may see at a glance just what is offered, here are the fixtures in condensed form:

North Ward vs. Beach, at Beacon Hill upper grounds, commencing at 10 a. m.; Fred Richardson, by special request, will act as referee.

Y. M. C. A. vs. Regiment, at Beacon Hill lower grounds, commencing at 10 a. m.; J. G. McKenzie, referee.

Esquimalt vs. Beacon Hill, at the canteen grounds, commencing at 10 a. m.; H. Brightman, referee.

The Road Race.

See anything there to interest? A chorus of answers—some affirmative, some negative. Well, for the benefit of the latter, there still is another choice. Perhaps the five-mile race under the auspices of the Empress Athletic Club, starting from the hotel at 10 o'clock, and finishing there after the seven or eight runners have covered the James Bay district pretty thoroughly, will suit the rather fastidious taste of this class. If the calibre of the entrants and the care they have exercised in preparing for the grind is a safe basis for conjecture the sports should find in this a rare bit of entertainment. While the statement has been made before in these columns it is repeated for the benefit of those who mightn't have noticed the announcement that the presentation of the club's challenge cup will be made to the one whose limbs prove strongest and fleetest by Mrs. H. D. Helmenck.

Golf Also.

Even now the conclusion of what is on the tapas for Christmas hasn't been reached. There is the golf referred to at the outset. There is a club competition for which the secretary declares the entries are numerous.

When all these sources of amusement are borne in mind; when it is remembered also that the hunters still will be able to go afielid in search of willow or blue grouse, pheasants or mountain quail; when it is further recollect that the weather man promises a fine day, with just enough frost in the air to make it bracing—ideal conditions for automobile or driving—it would appear that Victorians with the red blood of the sportsman will put in a Christmas eclipsing even that on which their mind, in looking back, dwells most fondly.

AT HALF TIME

A carnival for the festive fans is slated for New Year's night at Tacoma.

That an international board of six authorities should be appointed to draft uniform weights and rules for the government of pugilistic encounters is the opinion of Sporting Life of London, Eng.

The construction and equipment of the race track at Juarez cost \$600,000 while as much more has been hung up in prizes. And yet dividends are being paid on the huge investment according to report. Appears to be a paying business.

As they say it is a long lane that has no turning it is to be presumed

THE CHAMPION'S NIGHT-MARE.

Who is it stands without the gate, a hopeful middle-heavyweight, and always keeps his smile on straight? Sam Langford. Who is it begs the strutting champs to meet him in the fighting camps, for doughnuts, marshmallows, chalk or stamps? Sam Langford. Oh, who has all the pugs defied and chased them down and made them hide? Are you shied? Sam Langford. A homely chum of brown and bone, who doesn't fight by telephone, this gent who's left so much alone, Sam Langford. Alone, in sorrow, he must sup; the champions have passed him in, this little dusky buttercup, Sam Langford. But when the fat old Luna beams, the champion sees you in his dreams, and kicks the covers off and screams, Sam Langford.

About the Road Race.

The feature, without a question, will be the road race, which starts from the Y. M. C. A. quarters at 10:30 o'clock. The route outlined is down Broad to Yates street, to Government, to Belleville, to Pendray's soap works, thence to Dallas road, to Beacon Hill twice around the track, down Douglas to Superior, to Government, to Fort, on to Broad and finishing where start was made.

The entries: G. Brown, V. W. A. A.; G. Dickson, Y. M. C. A.; C. Johnson, Y. M. C. A.; C. Kersey, E. A. C.; C. Carroll, E. A. C.; C. Jasper, Esquimalt; J. Sweeney, Y. M. C. A.; R. Wallis, Y. M. C. A.

Frank Davis was the winner last year. He made the run in the remarkably fast time of 45.31 which will take some beating. His record as an amateur, however, are history. He's running there now, however, and isn't doing badly at that. Beckwith, who was second, then won't parade before the sports. He has decided to devote his attention to the shorter distances, principally the mile and may be seen in action in connection with some of the summer's meets.

There are two or three of the contestants so evenly matched in figures that the fight is expected to be keen. Dickson, the Y. M. C. A. man, appears to be the favorite in the minds of those who have reputations as men of discernment in such matters. Carroll, of the Empress Athletic is a strong second choice, while Kersey has many friends.

that the Victoria Rugby players will get busy and do something towards bringing to the Island that McKechnie cup they have been longing for these many moons.

NEW YEAR'S BIG DAY AT Y.M.C.A.

Six and Half Mile Road Race in Morning and Gymnastics in Afternoon.

New Year's will be the big day at the Y. M. C. A.

The ball will be started rolling in the morning when the annual six and one-half mile road race takes place, with a full list of entries, one or two men with reputations as distance runners between whom there is rivalry, that should make things interesting, and under the direction of officials who know the business.

One hour later there will begin a basketball game of sorts. The rival teams have been selected from two sections of the junior department and those who haven't seen the kiddies in their war toys shouldn't miss the opportunity. Take this tip—there's a treat in store. The flyers are known, respectively, as the Beavers and the Whirlwinds. The names have not been chosen haphazardly. They give an instant insight into the character of the aggregations. The Beavers play aggressively but steadily, never losing

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These remarks seem so appropriate at the present time in Victoria, at least judging from experiences of my own within the past thirty days, that I cannot refrain from giving them publicity. They may give courage to the man with the money, and cause him to take advantage of opportunity.

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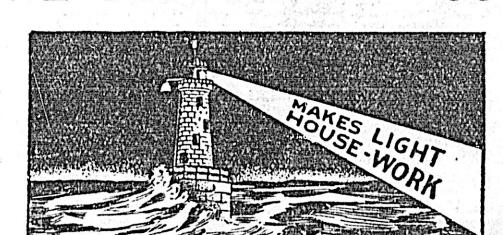
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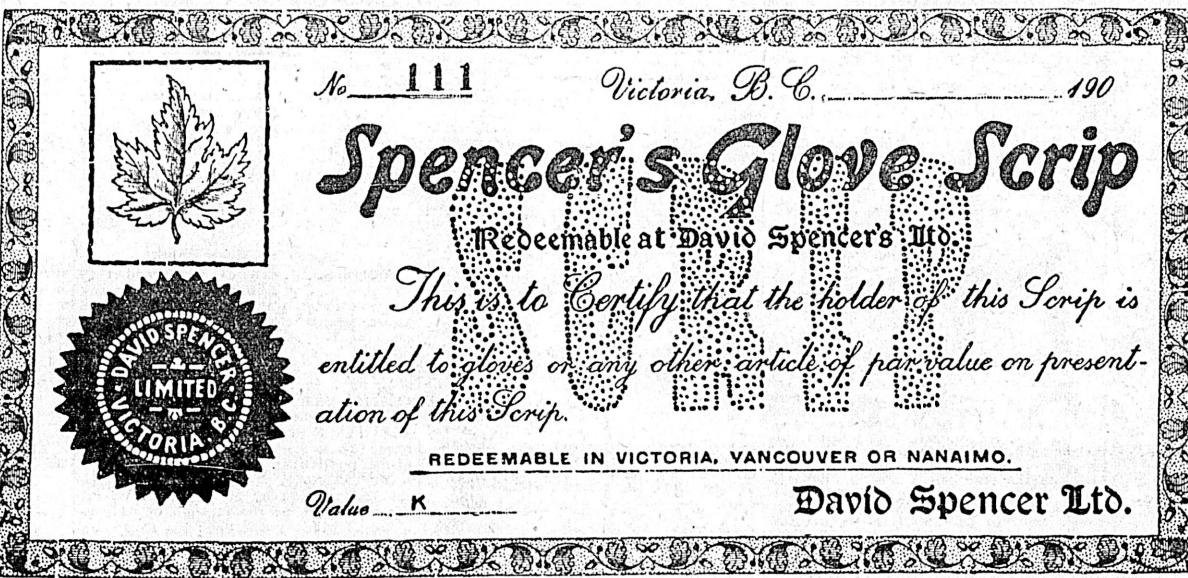
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